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County earns an 'A'

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After more than 20 discrepancies or "reportable conditions" were discovered in Crawford County finances for fiscal year 1998, the Board of Commissioners has received good news in 1999.

Marvin Henderson of Anderson, Tackman and Associates, the auditing firm hired by the County to oversee their finances, handed out a six-month report to the Board at the April 12 Ways and Means Committee meeting.

The report stated there are only three remaining areas, within the County's functions, which still need some attention.

"You are light-years away from where you were without budgets," Henderson told the Board. "The former board went through a lot of anguish to work out those budgets."

Henderson also stated that hiring County Controller Paul Compo was "a step in the right direction"

The three areas needing attention are in grant funding, the general fixed asset account (used for tracking inventory of County assets), and helping the Crawford County Library Board with their needs.

"A plan is already in place to remedy these three areas," said Henderson.

One of the areas that received a close look by auditors was the Housing Commission. "The current structure costs a lot administratively, but all the other problems surrounding MSHDA loans have been resolved," said Henderson.

The Housing Commission risked the chance of missing out on grant monies when funds appropriated for loan interest housing improvements went unused. Measures have been taken, said Henderson, and the situation has been remedied.

The County is on its way to having an official County Procedural Manual. "Pieces of that manual are now being formulated," said Henderson. The manual will help clarify and confirm set County operating procedures.

Board Chairman Lynnette Corlew asked Henderson to grade the county on an "A to F grading scale."

Henderson replied, "A for change. It is very difficult to facilitate change. You guys have made the hard choices and living within your general revenue budget, instead of depending on the tax revolving fund, has really paid off."

He added, "A bail 'em out mindset isn't there anymore. Those trends were really bad."

County Treasurer Joe Wakeley was quick to add, "The last Board left you with the framework to make some tough decisions. They left you with a strong building block."

"Yes, I agree," remarked Corlew. "We worked really hard for this new board to have a good starting place."

"The County has taken ten years of negative trends and turned them around in two. You folks have done a really good job," said the auditor.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

FUN IN THE SUN — These boys were out enjoying a sunny day last week at the City Park during their spring break from school. From left, Jimmy Roman, Chris Callahan, and Joey Contreras give the swings a work out, while Brian Adams helps give Joey a push. Just three days later, Crawford County and other areas of Michigan received three to five inches of snow, letting everyone know that an early spring can hold some surprises.

County Board reluctantly approves court pay raises

School board election nets six candidates

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

With reservation and much hesitation, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 approving, on average, 8.46 percent pay raises for court employees.

County Controller Paul Compo provided the Board with a wage schedule for Otsego County employees as well as a wage schedule for Crawford County Family Court employees and recommended the board approve the raises.

Since the court consolidation

began, Crawford County court employees have been paid on a lesser scale than court employees in Otsego and other counties. In an effort to build pay equity between combined court employees, Crawford County court officials have made room within their Board-approved budget to raise the pay of five employees.

This has caused some disillusionment for other county employees and elected officials whose wages aren't part of the court's budget, but part of the County's general fund.

Referring to the Otsego schedule where one clerical court worker is stated to earn \$38,746 annually: "When secretaries make more than the sheriff, who has 20 or more people under him, I don't see the equity," said Lynnette Corlew, Board Chair.

There was general consensus among the Board members that these employees deserve a raise, but so do all the other county workers.

"Our county employees on this side of the house are vastly, grossly and embarrassingly underpaid," remarked County Prosecutor John Huss.

Without approval the board would be court-ordered to do so.

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Six Crawford County citizens have filed petitions seeking one of two trustee seats up for grabs on the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education in the upcoming school election.

Incumbents Gary Pettyjohn and James McMillan have decided to run to retain their seats on the Board. Pettyjohn has served on the Board for two years and currently holds the office of treasurer.

McMillan has served for four years and is currently the vice president of the School Board.

Officers are elected by the Board

once the newly-elected trustees are sworn-in.

Also filing their candidacy by the April 12 deadline were Charlotte Sullivan Mosel of Grayling, Susanne Somero of Grayling, Theodore Gomez of Frederic and retiring Frederic Elementary School principal, Melvin "Pat" Nunn.

The election will take place on June 14 and will include a \$14.94 million high school improvement bond issue.

The same proposal failed to pass in a December 8, 1998 election by 106 votes. This will be the third time the issue has gone to the voters within a year.

Auditors' next stop will be the library

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Library will be visited soon by auditors hired by the County to see where improvements can be made as part of an ongoing effort to get the County finances in order.

"After the tax season is over, we will work with auditors and the library board to help bring things up to speed," said County Treasurer Joe Wakeley at the April 12 Board of Commissioners' Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Crawford County Board Chairman Lynnette Corlew asked Marvin Henderson, auditor for Anderson, Tackman and Associates, about the method of auditing to be used for the library.

"Our plan is to treat the library board as we do the Housing Commission and the Commission on Aging," said Henderson.

He said the library board will be set up with financial accounts and their financial statements will be made part of the county books, although technically the library's

budget is already reported there.

Corlew was concerned about library patronage and if the number of books being checked out has fallen recently.

"Libraries offer materials other than books, like video and audio tapes... the trends are different now," Henderson remarked. "There is not less usage of the library, just a difference in the material being checked out."

"Also, the Internet and computer software have, in general, changed the way libraries are used," Henderson concluded.

"Well, I guess we just need to know what's a legitimate concern and what's not a legitimate concern in their budget," Corlew said.

Wakeley remarked to the Commissioners that the library board manages the budget of the library and, "You appoint the board members who approve the budget. You basically set policy by who you appoint."

Henderson stated that the library could use new bookkeeping software, such as Peachtree or Quicken, but it would be the library

Yellow ribbon support campaign begins

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

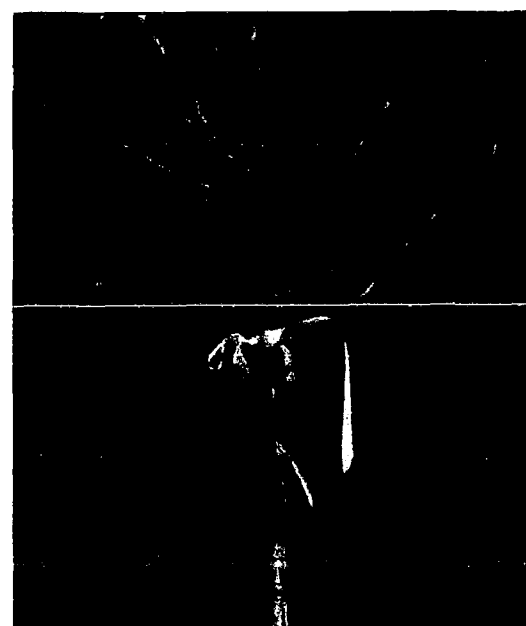
Yellow ribbons have symbolized support for our armed forces since the 19th century, when women gave their men in the U.S. Cavalry yellow ribbons to show their support.

Donna Koslov has taken the war in Kosovo to heart by tying yellow ribbons around the trees in front of the North Central Area Credit Union where she works.

"I have sons of the age to be in the forces," said Colton. "And I have friends currently in the forces — Army, Navy, and Air Force."

Colton said that she feels for the military personnel and wants to hurry them home.

When asked if U.S. involvement in the war was a good idea, she replied, "I think it is just part of history. There will always



IN SUPPORT — Yellow ribbons are being displayed again... this time for those serving in the conflict with the Serbs in Yugoslavia.

be a crisis. It's part of mankind. There is always something somewhere."

Even if the prisoners of war are

released, Colton will continue her private effort for the war in general. "I have a neighbor who will be directly affected," she said.

Colton said she feels the crisis relates to everyone in the United States. She would like everyone in Grayling to tie yellow ribbons on trees and think about what can happen in this war.

Colton will be decorating her house with ribbons next.

"We have to stand by and support what our country does," she said. "We have to support the cause."

Three U.S. Army scouts, Sgt. Christopher Stone of Capac, Sgt. Andrew Ramirez of Los Angeles, California and Spc. Steven Gonzales of Huntsville, Texas, were captured about

two weeks ago. Since that time, they have been held by Serbian troops in Yugoslavia.

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State wide police chase policy considered

by Robert A. Reed
Capital News Service

Lansing - Area law enforcement officials have adopted a "wait-and-see" attitude about a proposal to create a statewide model police pursuit policy and limit the economic responsibility for communities that adopt the guidelines.

Two bills proposed by Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Hudsonville, would require that the state police develop a model policy for police pursuits. Local police agencies wouldn't have to adopt the policy, but those that do would have their liability limited to \$280,000 for injuries and \$500,000 for deaths resulting from a police chase.

Grayling City Police Chief Peter Stephan recognizes the importance of having a written pursuit policy, but worries that a "one-size-fits-all" policy won't fit all communities. "The Legislature has to realize that they can't make policy statewide. What works for say, Wayne County, might not work in Iron Mountain."

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely said he'd have to see the details of any model policy before deciding whether to modify his department's current pursuit policy.

He adds that there are a lot of issues that have to be resolved before any statewide policy can be implemented. "If there's an accident and the model policy was followed, will the model policy group get sued also?"

Stephan said Grayling's pursuit policy is based on recommendations from the Michigan Municipal League, which would also have a representative on the new committee to develop the model guidelines.

Van Regenmorter said there isn't

a consistent policy on police pursuits in the state. Each community makes its own decisions on when chases are appropriate, and some areas have no written policy at all.

He contends a well thought-out policy would limit the chance of pursuits going bad and leading to tragedy. "Chases have produced a lot of lawsuits for communities. By limiting liability this legislation would give communities an incentive to adopt a policy."

The caps on Van Regenmorter's bill would only affect non-economic liability, the so-called "pain and suffering" awards given to survivors of an accident. They wouldn't apply to real economic costs,

such as medical bills, caused by a chase-related accident and would be adjusted to rise with inflation.

In addition, occupants of a vehicle being pursued wouldn't be allowed to collect damages unless they could prove they also were innocent victims.

The Michigan Municipal League's insurance pool contains 328 police agencies throughout the state, including Grayling. Caroline Weber, legislative associate, said since 1990 there have been 26 accidents that resulted in claims. In 1998 three accidents that resulted in two deaths have cost \$540,000 to date, with the claims still unsettled.

Not everyone believes limiting

liability would be in the best public interest, however. Gary Fralick, director of communications for the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, contends police agencies should be held more accountable, not less.

"It's horrible public policy," he said noting that high-speed police chases endanger innocent bystanders as well as the officer and suspects.

"Police have to be very careful when they use their gun. They have to know exactly where that bullet is going to go, and a high-speed chase is just as dangerous, but the Legislature is decreasing accountability."

Local man receives 25-gallon pin

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Alan Etson donated his 200th pint of blood on March 3 at an American Red Cross Blood Drive held at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

This donation put him at a total of 25 gallons and in an exclusive group of donors in Michigan.

"There are only seven donors who have given 25 gallons or more in the 63 counties in the Great Lakes Blood Region," said Betty Pamerleau, American Red Cross blood drive coordinator.

At the recent drive, Etson received his 25-gallon pin from Red Cross charge nurse, Mary Ann Damon, and a T-shirt reading "50 years of Blood Service Saving Lives" from assistant coordinator Gerry Schroeder.

"God has blessed me with O-Negative blood," said Etson. "There are only six out of 100 that have it. It is a universal type of blood - it can be given to anyone. But, not just anyone can give blood to an O-Negative type."

Etson said he is proud to have been a part of the Red Cross blood program for 40 years and appreciates the life-saving service helping hundreds of thousands of people over their 50 year history.

Pamerleau and Schroeder, along

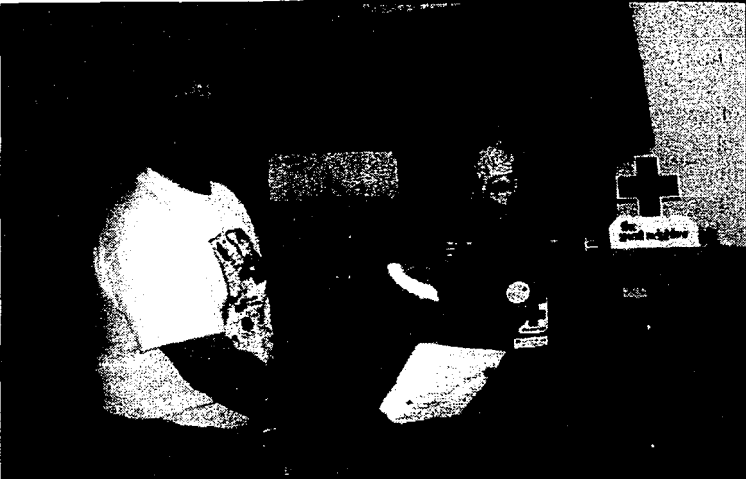


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RARE BLOOD DONOR - Alan Etson receives a certificate from Betty Pamerleau, American Red Cross blood drive coordinator, recognizing his blood donorship of 25 gallons. Etson has the rare blood type of "O Negative," making his donations even more special over the years.

with Shirley Schmooch coordinate blood drive efforts in Crawford County.

"The Red Cross coordinators that put this life-saving program together are a great inspiration to me and the rest of the blood donors," said Etson.

"The heroes are the ones who take that extra time out of their schedule to donate their life-saving

blood. God bless us all - coordinators, volunteers and donors."

Eighty-two people donated blood at the March 3 drive.

The next two area blood drives are scheduled on Wednesday, May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Grayling High School, and on Thursday, May 6 from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Frederic Elementary School.

GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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745th Detach completes training in Panama

Camp Grayling's 745th Ordnance Detachment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal - EOD) unit completed its annual training period in Panama, where it assisted the US Army-South in the final stages of the Panama Canal Treaty Range Transition Plan called "Operation Joint Closure."

The 745th soldiers conducted numerous surface and subsurface range clearance operations in both field and jungle environments.

Dud munitions disposed of included unexploded ordnance used by U.S. forces ranging from small arms to 500 pound bombs.

The unit successfully completed its mission and received praise from the Task Force Headquarters, which noted that the unit conducted their operations in a professional and efficient manner comparable to any Army EOD Detachment.

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Everyday is Adopt-A-Pet Day at the shelter

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Adoptions and donations are down this year at the Crawford County Animal Shelter, according to Director Dixie Lobsinger.

Nationally, Adopt-A-Pet Day is April 10, but it is *everyday* at the local shelter.

"Adoptions are way down this year," said Lobsinger. "We found homes for nearly 700 pets in 1997. In 1998, we adopted out only 500. I hope things pick up once the weather warms up this year."

Lobsinger was forced to raise the price of adopting an animal when Michigan legislators passed HR4239.

The bill requires pet adoption agencies to charge a minimum \$25 deposit, refundable to the new pet owner once their pet has been de-sexed. This law caused the adoption fee to increase from \$10 to \$40.

The \$40 fee is a bargain though, according to Lobsinger.

"Included in the \$40 price of adopting the pet is the refundable \$25 spay-neuter deposit, the animal's first shots, and de-worming when necessary," she said. "The cost for vaccinations and de-worming alone more than makes this a good deal for new pet owners."

The spay-neuter program sponsored by the shelter has helped decrease the amount of unwanted pets, but Lobsinger is always looking for better ways to educate pet owners about the importance of animal birth control.

During "Be Kind to Animals Week," Lobsinger takes a few dogs out to elementary schools to teach kids how to become a terrific pet owner. She also teaches them how to act around a strange or threatening dog.

Lobsinger is in constant contact

with several programs available throughout the country and the world in an effort to find homes for animals left in her care.

Leader Dog for the Blind has benefited many times over the years through contact with Lobsinger, as well as programs that train dogs for

UPC symbols, Carter's receipts, Glen's Save and Share, as well as Glen's Pet Club \$5 certificates and Homeless Homer Points for cash or for products used at the shelter.

Also needed are clean bedding and cleaning supplies.

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When it comes to feeding the 15 to 30 animals housed at the shelter on average each week, Lobsinger said she has had the most luck with Diamond brand dry dog food and canned cat food that can be purchased at Milltown Feed on M-72 West.

"That food has brought many a sick dog back to good health and a shiny coat, so I stick with that (Diamond) brand," said Lobsinger.

The Crawford County Animal Shelter is located on Huron Street (M72 East) between the Road Commission for Crawford County and the Eagles' Club.

If you would like to become a shelter volunteer or make a donation, stop by or call 348-4117.

Monetary donations and redeemable items can be mailed to: The Crawford County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 869, Grayling, MI 49738.

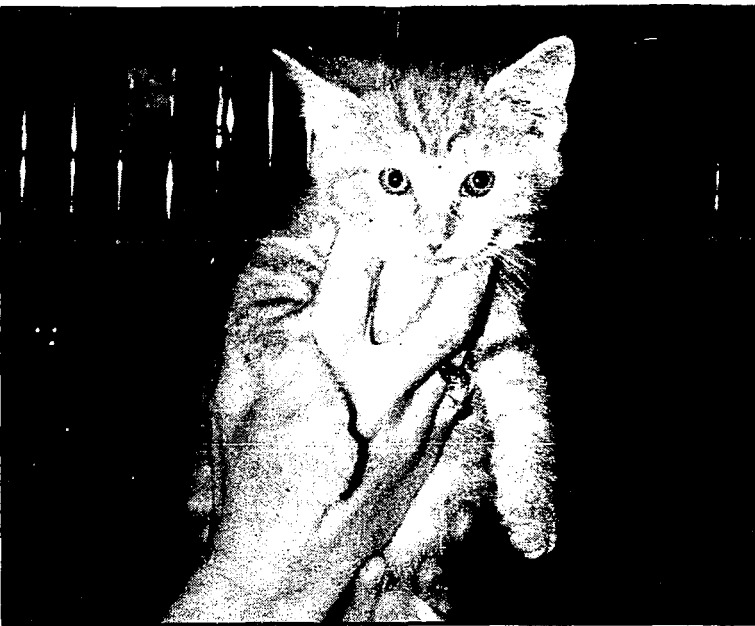


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

TOM CAT - This male orange marmalade kitten is waiting to be adopted at the Crawford County Animal Shelter. He is looking for someone to love him and play with him because all of his siblings have been adopted and he's a little lonely.

chores and companion services for the handicapped, deaf and elderly.

Throughout the year, Lobsinger and her small band of volunteers hold fund raisers such as a Fourth of July yard sale and Labor Day dog walk-a-thon, helping with shelter operating costs.

The shelter is dependent on a volunteer staff and voluntary donations. Besides cash donations, Lobsinger said the shelter can redeem Spartan

down with a bleach solution to fight disease and bedding is changed when necessary.

Therefore, donations of 2-1/2 to 5-gallon plastic buckets, liquid chlorine bleach, paper towel, old blankets, bedspreads, pillows and towels are needed.

To take care of the cats and kittens, donations of the following are needed: dust-free litter, cat toys and old sweaters used for bedding.

Time is now to mail tax returns

by Ian Van Wallegghem
Staff Writer

Today is the last day to get a tax return into the mail before the IRS can apply penalties and interest to what taxpayers may already owe.

Postmaster Jana Tuck explains, "Twenty-five percent of the filers in our district wait until the last day to mail their returns. That's about one million people in the Greater Michigan District."

Many people have questions regarding taxes and tax forms, which they often ask postal employees who are not trained to give tax advice.

The post office, however, is mainly concerned with people supplying the correct postage. "The IRS won't supply the postage," said Tuck. "We don't want the packages coming back."

Tax week is a busier time for postal window activity. The post office suggests that taxpayers mail early, use the preprinted envelopes provided in their instruction booklets, and use a return address.

For security reasons, anything



Photo by Ian Van Wallegghem

INCREASED ACTIVITY - Grayling postal clerk Tina Rumph helps a customer with proper postage. Today is April 15 - the last day to mail returns before penalty and interest may apply.

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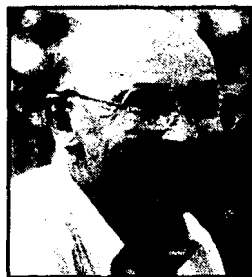
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Stormy weather? Sue the TV forecaster

COMMON SENSE frequently falls victim to greed.

That conclusion can be drawn from the never-ending flood of lawsuits, glutting America's court system.

Horrible examples of misuse of the court system keep popping up. The driving force often seems to be: "What can I get out of it?"

Take, for example, a recent suit by the family of Charles Cobb in Florida, against The Weather Channel, claiming it was responsible because he died during a sudden storm while fishing near the Florida Keys.

Quoting from an Associated Press account, the family claimed that "The Weather Channel had information about inclement weather conditions approaching the Florida Keys but did not broadcast it in a timely manner to allow for precautions to be taken.... Mr. Cobb's body was discovered

along the shores of the Keys a day later."

THE FAMILY sued for \$10 million, claiming that Mr. Cobb "relied on a storm-free forecast" when he went fishing, and that the weather forecasters "had a contractual obligation to provide correct weather information and was negligent in not doing so," AP reported.

Proving that common sense is not completely a thing of the past, a federal judge threw out the case.

AP paraphrased the judge's reasoning thus: "It would not be right to hold television broadcasters responsible because viewers made plans based on weather predictions... If that were allowed, that could be extended to farmers who plant their crops based on a forecast of no rain."

No argument from this corner. If we had followed weather forecasts to guide our activities over the years -- especially in

Michigan's wonderful but forecast-defying four seasons -- most of us would seldom leave the house during winter months, and do precious little the rest of the year.

Although Mr. Cobb's death is regrettable, his survivors should not blame some far away weather forecasts for the tragedy.

ANOTHER RECENT court decision which doesn't make much sense to me came out in Oregon the other day.

Tobacco companies are fair game these days, and the Oregon case proves it.

An Oregon jury awarded \$81 million to the family of Jesse Williams, a former school janitor, who died of lung cancer at age 67 after smoking three packs of cigarettes a day for more than 40 years.

The victim's family -- which had asked for \$101 million -- claimed that the tobacco company knew its cigarettes could cause cancer, and that the victim "believed the

manufacturer wouldn't sell a harmful product..." according to an AP news story.

LUNG CANCER is no frivolous matter; neither is tobacco addiction.

But it's been known officially since the famous "Surgeon General's Report" in 1963 that smoking cigarettes causes lung cancer.

Why didn't Mr. Williams stop smoking cigarettes sometime during the 36 years since smoking and cancer were officially linked? He chose not to quit; it was his decision.

To smoke three packs a day for 40 years seems to me to be inviting death by cancer.

Do smokers bear no responsibility for their own self destructive actions, especially in the face of overwhelming medical odds and official government findings of tobacco causing cancer?

This is no justification for the activities of

the tobacco companies in promoting and selling death by inhalation... but there is a shared responsibility, too.

The verdict will be appealed, of course. It may be thrown out, or at least part of the award may well be upheld. It's not clear-cut.

The doomed Florida fisherman exposed himself to the vagaries of nature, and he should be responsible for his own decision to go fishing in the first place.

The Oregon smoker also made a conscious decision, opting to expose himself to even more certain danger and probable death by cigarettes.

Who is to protect us from the results of our own decisions?

Apparently that's the role of America's court system.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

U.S. - NATO bombing in Serbia may hold future consequences

To the editor,

The U.S. is misguided in its bombing of Yugoslavia. NATO's offensive action against Serbia is the first in its 50-year history, which may sabotage future expansions of NATO into the Baltic states -- Rumania and Ukraine.

Washington can no longer argue to Moscow that NATO is a "purely defensive alliance." Even pro-Western democrats in Moscow are outraged by Washington's bombing of Serbia. (Had NATO refused to cooperate, Clinton would probably have proceeded unilaterally.)

We could very well see a Russian-Red Chinese alliance emerge from Washington's reckless war. While Washington should be cultivating Russia as a future ally against the increasingly militaristic and threatening Beijing.

The stated purpose of the bombing campaign is to "prevent a human rights tragedy in Kosovo and weaken or remove Serbian communist boss Milosevic." The reality is that the bombing of Serbia has strengthened Milosevic and worsened the human rights situation in Kosovo.

Taken to a logical end, the bombing will result in the introduction of ground forces, including American GIs. A prolonged ground war in the Balkans will force the return of a military draft, inevitably including women. Hillary, the feminists, and the federal judges will make sure of that.

Clinton and the media are falsely portraying the Kosovar Albanians (many of whom are illegals from Albania) as "innocents." Things were relatively quiet in Kosovo, a historically Serbian province, until

about a year ago when Albanian terrorists started murdering Serbian policemen.

Albanian nationalists dream of a Greater Albania, to include Albania proper, Kosovo, and parts of Macedonia, where Greece and Turkey have an interest. That is why former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger warned at a recent Chicago speech that if the United States gets militarily involved in Kosovo, American troops would have to fight both Serbians and Albanians.

The Balkans are not the "center of Europe" and World War I emerged out of ancient Balkan conflicts because the great powers got involved.

Russia's response to Washington's anti-Serbian bombing is strikingly similar to their response to German threats of war against Serbia in 1914.

The United States can't be the policemen of the world nor does Bill Clinton have the moral authority to be the sheriff of the world.

Thomas Drake
Munster, Indiana

Vandals can come to know 'Peace of Christ'

An open letter to our community:

St. Mary's Parish has experienced over the past weeks theft and destruction by vandals.

I wonder if they know they could come in gently and be welcomed with our open arms into the Peace of Christ.

As a matter of fact, even though the doors were kicked in and money was stolen from the vigil lights and poor box, the church still welcomed you.

We even forgive you and pray for you. If we, any member of our church, can help you please come or call.

I offer you my personal help and hope you someday enjoy the fullness of Christ's love.

Barbara Selesky
Frederic

April is Donor Awareness Month

To the editor,

April is Donor Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to recognize the importance of organ and tissue donation.

There's no greater gift than the gift of life and you can pass it on by discussing organ and tissue donation with your family and friends.

Each new donor brings the chance for renewed life to 2,200 Michigan patients waiting for an organ donation. It is important your family know about your wishes. They will be responsible for making the final decision about organ donation.

Pass it on by signing the back of your driver license. Signing your

driver license is an excellent way to alert others about your organ donor wishes.

Pass it on by signing and mailing your organ and tissue donor registry enrollment card. The Secretary of State's office makes it easy. Cards are mailed with all new driver licenses and are available at any branch office.

Celebrate Donor Awareness Month by designating your organ donation wishes.

Remember, life is great -- pass it on!

Candice S. Miller
Secretary of State
Lansing

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VIEWPOINT

Will U.S. and NATO do what it takes?

by Sinan Toprak, Kirtland Community College Instructor of Political Science

The world's agenda has been fully occupied with one particular issue for the last few weeks: the escalating crisis in Kosovo. The U.S.-led NATO forces have decided to step in at a point when Serbian politics, the aim of which is to drive Kosovar Albanians from their homeland, have made genocide a matter of policy. The NATO attacks targeting Yugoslavia have continued with ever-increasing scope and intensity for the last 20 days.

The lack of understanding by the world and their clumsy attitude in reacting to the Serbian military operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina have opened one of the most painful pages of the twentieth century. During the five-year war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Europe was inadequate and the United States was slow to consider military intervention, and as a result NATO got involved only after the events had run their course. Persistent resistance by the Bosnian Muslims was instrumental in bringing about a peaceful ending. NATO air raids and U.S. mediation efforts forced Serbs to negotiate an agreement.

Learning that lesson from Bosnia, it was the right decision that coincided with timely international concern which was pouring out regarding the Kosovo issue. This time the United States acted on its own initiative without waiting for a decision from Europe. Once the mediation efforts by Richard Holbrook ended with no results and the Serbs refused the conditions proposed during the negotiations held in Rambouillet, France, NATO initiated air raids. Those conditions had already been accepted by Kosovar Albanians. After it became obvious that attacking the military targets in Kosovo was not enough to stop the Serbian aggression, the NATO planes began to target bridges, industrial establishments and security buildings in Belgrade. The air strikes that have continued for the last few weeks can be considered the most significant military operation in Europe since World War II.

The goal of both NATO and the United States is to stop Serbian aggression toward the Albanian natives of Kosovo, to prevent genocide and to put an end to the efforts to oppress and exile the eth-

nic Albanians. Immediately upon commencement of the NATO air strikes, it became evident that this will not be an adequate measure to accomplish the mission. Under the shower of bombs in Kosovo, Serbs felt even more unrestrained in forcing ethnic Albanians into exile. We can observe the results on TV each evening. Currently, one out of every three ethnic Albanians from Kosovo have been forced from their homes, with children separated from their mothers. Over 300,000 Albanian refugees have accumulated at the Albanian borders, while the number of those who have reached Macedonia are in excess of 150,000. Approximately 50,000 people from Kosovo took refuge in Montenegro. It is known that another 300,000 escaped to the mountains. Many settlement areas have been transformed into ghost towns. Not to mention the prominent lawyers, doctors and other professional Kosovars, that were among thousands of others who refused to leave, were being executed by the para-military Serbian forces.

The Albanian refugees who fled or were forced from their homes, leaving most of their belongings behind, are experiencing great difficulties due to the adverse winter conditions in Europe. Enormous obstacles are being faced by international organizations that are unprepared to deal with an exodus of such proportions. Hundreds of thousands of refugees who have no tents and no blankets are struggling against illness and hunger. Death has already begun to claim victims while those still surviving feel helpless. Disease, especially cholera has become inevitable because of unsanitary conditions. The number of refugees increases as the military operation continues. If the events continue at the same rate, in the eyes of the Serbians, Kosovo will be "cleansed" of undesirables within the next week. Despite all his failed efforts of the past, the predominant goal of the brutal Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic will automatically be accomplished. At the same time, the Serbs are busy destroying identification papers belonging to the ethnic Albanians who were forced out of Kosovo under threats of death, along with all the official records and evidence indicating that those areas have been owned by them for centuries.

Clearly it was not NATO's intention when they first initiated the air raids to accelerate Serbian

attacks and increase human suffering. And, it is obvious that the bombs hitting the targets in Kosovo and the missiles targeted at Belgrade are not fictitious. Serbs are also suffering great losses as a result of the NATO attack, but the damage sustained by the Serbs can easily be erased in time, since it is mostly material damage and the targets are not innocent civilians. However, the massacres and pillage in the name of "ethnic cleansing" are still being carried out by Serbian forces aimed at innocent civilians just because they are not Serbs. The goal is complete eradication of the Kosovar Albanians from their homeland. In fact, a military operation limited to air strikes, each passing day helps Milosevic and his accomplices to fulfill their goal of emptying Kosovo.

This is a human tragedy. The West cannot dodge responsibility by claiming that "We did everything in our power." Slobodan Milosevic, who is directly responsible for the genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina in which 250,000 people lost their lives, has initiated the extermination campaign against his own people in Kosovo because nobody has held him accountable for what he has done. He was encouraged by the actions of those who sat with him at the negotiations table, who in reality should have brought him to justice at the International Court for War Crimes. Confident that the air operations cannot prevent the ongoing genocide, and under the assurance of the statement made by President Bill Clinton, who declared right at the beginning of the operations that "there will be no land forces used," Milosevic now comfortably continues with his campaign of total destruction.

Without a clear objective and determination by the United States and NATO, by totally ruling out the commitment of ground troops and without declaring Milosevic and his henchmen war criminals, the tragedy of the ongoing genocide that is being witnessed in Kosovo will be partly the responsibility of the West. President Clinton and his administration will be judged by history on their willingness to do everything including the introduction of ground troops of NATO to stop the genocide. After all this is the real test of character for the President, not the other nonsense of personal matters. This human tragedy places a great burden on the conscience of all humanity as we are about to enter the new century.

BRIEFS

Students host Pre-Prom Dress Auction

The Grayling High School Student Senate will host a Pre-Prom Dress Auction on April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The auction will raise money to help fund trips to Poland for Emily Grosskopf so that she may receive therapy in her battle with cerebral palsy, and a way to purchase a formal dress for the Prom. Dresses have been donated by local women, and will be available in many styles and sizes. They will be modeled by GHS students during the auction. A raffle will be held that evening with drawings for several items donated by local businesses. Admission to the auction is \$2. For more information call Student Senate Advisor Maureen Nowak at 348-7641.

Seniors entertain with Milltown Follies

Various area senior citizens will entertain with music, comedy and dance on Friday, April 16 with the sixth annual *Milltown Follies*. Doors open at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Proceeds from the *Follies* go to the Crawford County chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

10th annual craft show to be held in Mio

The 10th Annual Country at Heart Arts and Crafts Show will be held Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mio Ausable High School in Mio. Over 100 exhibitors from all over Michigan will be selling their arts and crafts. Admission is \$1 for adults, children are free. Proceeds go to the school's track and girls' basketball programs.

ADD/ADHD parents' group to meet

The next meeting of the ADD/ADHD Parents Support Group will be held Tuesday, April 20 in Grayling Middle School Conference Room from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dr. Doug Slater will discuss the most recent research on treatment methods for ADD and ADHD. Refreshments will be served, child care provided and transportation to the meeting is available. For more information, please call 348-7641, ext. 527 or 528.

Youth Bowling to host Awards Banquet

The Grayling Youth Bowling (GYB) League will hold its annual end-of-the-season Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 17, at Grayling High School's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The event will begin at 5 p.m. Festivities will include dinner, an awards presentation, and dancing. All GYB members will receive a trophy, and other special awards will be given out. For more information please call (517) 348-8094.

Card party and lunch at St. John Church

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, April 21 in the fellowship hall at noon. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 348-5224.

Project Grad to host pancake supper

The Project Graduation Committee will host a pancake supper at the Lone Pine Restaurant on Monday, April 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person, children under five are free.

Grayling Baptist Church breaks ground

The Grayling Baptist Church invites the public to join them on Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. for fellowship and the official groundbreaking of their new church building on Madsen Street near Rolla Street in Grayling.

Librarian to speak at Kiwanis lunch

Tracie Compton, librarian at the Crawford County Library, will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling on Monday, April 19 beginning at 12:10 p.m. at Shoppenagon's Inn. Compton will speak on the subject of library services. Guests are always welcome.

Grayling Middle School plans book fair

The Grayling Middle School will hold a Two-for-One book fair in the media center April 19-23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Bea Patrick at 348-7641, ext. 224.

Sign-up now for the 4-H Garden Club

Young people ages 4-18 can grow their own gardens by participating in the 4-H Garden Club. The Club meets at the Crawford County Fairgrounds beginning on Tuesday, April 20, and continues Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. throughout the summer. There is a \$5 registration fee to join, and registration is limited so enroll soon. For more information or to register please call the 4-H office at 344-3264, or stop by the office (located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse) to register in person.

Quit smoking the holistic way

The Community Health Education Center in Petoskey is offering a free smoking cessation course on Monday, April 19. The program will be held at the Center located at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey, across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital. The holistic approach to hypnosis will be taught to guide smokers on a path to smoking cessation in a class that will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Options for individualized sessions will also be discussed and offered. To register or for more information, please call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.

Medicare begins new 800 information service

Medicare has set up an 800 number to make it easier for people to get information about services, benefits and other questions they may have.

The toll-free number is 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227.)

If you call 1-800-MEDICARE, you can talk with an English- or Spanish-speaking customer service representative between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for help with questions about Medicare, including:

- general information about Medicare,
- updated information about health plan options in your community,

- general information about Medicare supplemental insurance (Medigap), and
- telephone numbers for assistance with billing questions about Medicare claims or for help with more complex questions about your health insurance.

You can also request a copy of the *Medicare & You* handbook or an audiotape of the handbook in English or Spanish. And you can listen to pre-recorded answers to frequently asked questions.

If you have a teletypewriter (TTY) or telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you can call 1-877-486-2048.

Youth trip to Tigers' game planned for this summer

The Roscommon County MSU-Extension Office is planning a trip for youth and their families to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Oakland A's on June 20 at Tiger Stadium.

This will be the last season that the Tigers will play at Tiger Stadium as a new stadium is being built for the 2000 season.

The Father's Day trip is to encourage families to do enjoy some summer activities together, and the whole family is invited.

The trip cost \$30 per person and includes round-trip bus fare, a reserved lower deck seat, a Coca-Cola, and your choice of a hot dog or slice of pizza.

The bus will leave the Houghton Lake - Prudenville area in the morning to arrive before the 1:05 p.m. game time. Estimated time of return that evening is 9 p.m.

For more information about the trip, contact the Roscommon County MSU-Extension Office at (517) 275-5043.

Latter-Day Saints conference rescheduled for April 25

The semi-annual Traverse City Michigan District conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be held on Sunday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Traverse City Chapel.

The Chapel is located at 3476 Veterans Drive in Traverse City.

Please note: The conference has been rescheduled to a week later

than reported earlier.

The District includes the Alpena, Cadillac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Gaylord, Grayling, Petoskey, St. Ignace and Traverse City areas.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, please call Ann Stephenson, Director of Church Public Affairs/Traverse City District at (517) 344-0047 or (517) 344-9678.

**Don't forget:
"Secretaries Day" is
Wednesday, April 21**

City trash schedule to change


Regular trash pick-up in the City of Grayling has recently changed from Mondays to Wednesdays due to a change in hauling routes by the City's trash removal company, Waste Management.

Monday, April 12 was the last Monday trash pick-up day. The next regular day of trash pick-up will be Wednesday, April 21, and pick-up day will fall on Wednesdays from then on.

Recycling will be changed to Thursday, April 22.

Yard waste collection will now be on Tuesdays. This year's first yard waste removal date will be Tuesday, April 20. Collections will continue on a bi-weekly basis through November.

(Yard waste must be contained in special biodegradable bags, which can be purchased at Grayling City Hall, or put in rigid, reusable containers. There must not be more than 50 pounds in each container. Plastic bags and cardboard are not acceptable, and will not be picked up.)




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FRI 16	• GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 17	• YOUTH BOWLING AWARD BANQUET @ Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 5 pm. Festivities will include dinner, and awards presentation, and dancing.
SUN 18	• GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 19	• KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Private Dining Room, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Reflection: Monte Burmeister.
TUES 20	• GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's, 12 noon. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 21	• ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West, weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. • GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. • GERMAN ETHNIC DINNER @ Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$6.00, children 5-12 \$3.00, Under 5 years free.

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The Bible Speaks

Tolerance

Tolerance is becoming the highest moral standard within our nation. The latest administration effort against "hate-crimes" highlights the force being created against all moral intolerance. This push against hate-crimes is reported by AP in Washington: "President Clinton is asking Congress to expand federal hate crime laws to include offenses based on sexual orientation. The president also is directing that colleges be required to report hate crimes annually and endorse a public-private partnership designed to educate middle school students against intolerance."

"The partnership will involve AT&T, Court TV, Cable in the Classroom, the National Middle Schools Association and the Anti-Defamation League working with the Justice and Education departments to develop curricula to combat intolerance. Clinton was announcing the initiatives today with religious, education and law enforcement leaders at a Roosevelt Room ceremony, White House officials said. "The president is signing this directive to increase public awareness and information about hate crimes among young people and doing whatever he can in his power to advance this cause while we wait for Congress to act," said Bruce Reed, the White House director of pub-

lic policy." Is tolerance always virtuous? Can you be a good student in math with a tolerance for error? Can you be a good surgeon with a tolerance for germs? Can you be a good farmer with a tolerance for weeds and vermin? Can you be a good auto mechanic with a tolerance for dirt and metal shavings? Then, how can standards of national morality be maintained by promoting tolerance for moral deviancy?

God condemns any sex outside of marriage and all sodomy as sinful. (1 Corinthians 6:90) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind." Many of us believe there are sufficient laws already established against true "hate-crimes." God wrote the 10 commandments to control "hate-crimes." Murder is a "hate-crime" against the right-to-life of another person. Stealing is a "hate-crime" against the property rights of another person. Lying is a "hate-crime" against the integrity rights of another person. Adultery is a "hate-crime" against the family and community rights of another person. Coveting is a "hate-crime" against the blessing or success

rights of another person. These laws were revealed by God to teach all of us that hatred does exist within our hearts.

We break God's negative "hate-crime" laws because we do not live positively by His supreme laws of love. The first law of love is repeated throughout the Bible. (Deuteronomy 6:5) "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." So also is the second law of love. (Leviticus 19:18) "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD." Jesus Christ reminded us these two laws of love are God's highest laws for everyone. Will America reject God's love and laws to tolerate sin and evil? (Proverbs 14:34) "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Northern Christian Radio enters 15th year

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

On Easter Sunday, 1985 Northern Christian Radio (NCR) was born in Gaylord. Since then countless listeners have tuned to WPHN for fellowship, music and words of inspiration.

Found on the FM dial at 90.5, the radio station operates on private funding and is currently holding its Sharathon '99, from April 13 through 15. The goal this year is to raise \$300,000 through challenges and by offering fun and interesting programming.

Last year the station's general manager, Dave Malin promised he would shave off 19 years of beard growth if listeners met the station's goal four hours ahead of schedule. Listeners met the challenge and off came the beard.

The station hasn't said if any unique challenges will be part of this year's drive, but hopes that listeners will tune in for any unexpected challenge.

WPHN and its sister station WOLW in Cadillac have been telling the good news of Jesus Christ for nearly 250,000 hours in northern Michigan and parts of Ontario.

New to the station's programming since December is a news service called Salem Radio Network (SRN). News reports provided to SRN by Moody Broadcasting Network are now aired five minutes before each hour. SRN News is based in Washington, D.C. and is committed to fair, accurate and timely news coverage from the White House to Congress and the

Pentagon.

For more information on NCR, please call 1-800-545-8857.

Women invited to fellowship and Y2K discussion

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

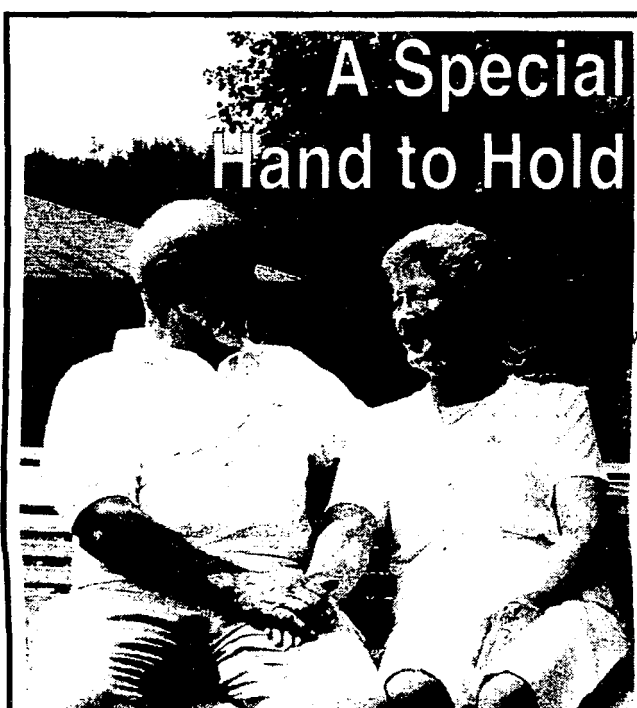
The 2nd Annual Church Women United Fellowship Day will be held at the Grayling Free Methodist Church on Saturday, April 24.

A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. and a program entitled, *Y2K: Back to the Basics with the Voice of Calm*, focusing on women's roles in networking and support, as well as calming any fear and confusion related to the upcoming new millennium.

The program is expected to last until around 11:30 a.m. Child care will be provided for children age three and under.

Tickets are a \$2.50 donation and can be purchased through area churches and from the Grayling Free Methodist Church at 348-9093.

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Hold God's hand as you worship this week.

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Sunday
Hebrews
4:14-5:10
Monday
Hebrews
6:13-7:10
Tuesday
Hebrews
7:11-28
Wednesday
Romans
5:1-11
Thursday
Romans
5:12-21
Friday
Romans
6:1-14
Saturday
Romans
6:15-23

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service..... 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday..... 8 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
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Sunday Worship..... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May. 9:45 to 10:45
Sunday Radio Ministry. 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Coffee Fellowship..... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)..... 10 am

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Pastor Jeff Arthur
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Church Service..... 9:30 am
Sabbath School..... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues..... 7 pm

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Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Sunday School..... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church. 11 am
Sunday Evening Service..... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting..... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class..... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children..... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament..... 10 am
Sunday School..... 11 am
Primary..... 11 am
Priesthood..... 12 noon
Relief Society..... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
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Sunday Worship..... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School..... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wednesday..... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
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348-5224
Sunday School..... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
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Church School..... 9:45 am
Preaching..... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer..... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
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Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass..... 6 pm
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Family Mass..... 10:00 am
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Daily Masses
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Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study..... 7 pm
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Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday..... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)..... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
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Sunday Worship..... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening..... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study..... 7 pm

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Sunday Service..... 10 am

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Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
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Wed. Prayer Service..... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship..... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening..... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday Service..... 7 pm

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Worship Service..... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday..... 7 pm

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Sunday School..... 10 am
Chapel Service..... 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
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Morning Service..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)..... 7 pm

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Tuesday Night School..... 5:30 p.m.

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Morning Praise..... 10:30 am
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Diabetics offered free foot health screenings in Gaylord

On Wednesday, April 21, the American Diabetes Association is sponsoring a free foot screening at the United Way Building at 116 Fifth Street in Gaylord.

Complete foot examinations will be provided free of charge by Steven Sella, DPM. This third annual Foot Screening is sponsored by the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association and National City Bank is being conducted in 42 sites around the state.

Free foot screening serves to alert the 390,000 Michigan residents with diabetes on the importance of diabetes care and foot health. When people with diabetes enter the hospital, about one in five do so for foot

problems.

In Michigan, some form of lower limb amputation occurred in 8.4% of the hospital discharges directly attributable to diabetes. At last year's foot screening, 9% of people screened needed immediate attention.

Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Diabetes can cause nerve damage, and when the nerves in the feet do not work correctly it is easy to stumble and injure the foot. Diabetes can cause poor bloodflow, and as a result, wounds heal slowly

or not at all.

"It is especially crucial to alert people to the dangers of diabetes because it can cause your nerve and blood vessels to deteriorate with no apparent symptoms or warning signs," stated George Grunberger, MD, President of the American Diabetes Association Serving Michigan. "It's not surprising that approximately one-third of the 16 million Americans who have diabetes don't know it."

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. The mission of the American Diabetes Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

If you have any questions about the Community Foot Screening, please call 1-888-DIABETES (342-2383).

Seniors invite business people to breakfast

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Commission on Aging (COA) Senior Center will be the site of the 1st Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) on Thursday, April 22.

"We have never formally thanked area businesses and organizations for all they do and everything they donate toward the senior programs in Crawford County," said Barb Selesky, senior advocate and long-time owner/operator of Timberview Village, an elder care facility in Frederic.

Selesky said this is a chance for business people to visit the Senior Center on Lawndale in Grayling, some for the first time, and see what their generosity has done.

All local business people are invited to the continental breakfast served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and a discussion of senior programs available through COA and RSVP.

Major changes made in crop loss payment requirements

Christine White, State Executive Director, announced that a major change has been authorized for the Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program (CLDAP).

Previously, farmers had to have received one of the following 1) crop insurance indemnity payments in at least three of the last five crop years from 1994 through 1998 or, 2) payments from Non-insurance Assistance Program (NAP) in at least three of the previous five years from 1994 through 1998. These payments could not be combined to meet the minimum three of five years requirement.

Under the new policy a farmer is eligible for multi-year benefits if they received any combination of

three year's payments from crop insurance, NAP or the 1994 ad hoc disaster program from 1994 through 1998.

All 1994 ad hoc disaster payments will be included in determining a farmer's eligibility and payment amount regardless of whether the crop was insured, uninsured, or noninsurable.

White stated, "This is a major change in the program and could open the door for a lot of farmers who didn't think they would be eligible."

Any farmer who thinks they may be eligible for the program or has any questions should contact their local FSA county office immediately."

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Continental Rental moves to new location



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

NEW LOCATION – Continental Rental has moved to its new location next to Family Dollar in the old Horizon Video store. The store has been freshly painted and has in stock furniture, electronics, appliances and jewelry for rent and as well as for sale.

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Insurance costing more for small business

by Jennifer Lavis
Capital News Service

Lansing - A recent increase in health-care premiums has some Michigan small business owners struggling to maintain their current employee insurance plans.

"I had intended on adding a dental program this year," said Stacey Patulski, vice president of Amptech Inc. of Freesoil. "Now that's not going to be feasible."

Amptech, a contract manufacturer of electronics, employs 100 people and offers its employees major medical coverage but at additional cost for family members. Patulski said it's projected that his premiums will increase by 13 percent, following on the heels of last year's 18 percent increase.

"We've had to cut back in our coverage from the last four years," he said. "This has made it difficult when we have to compete with other employers on the basis of our health care plan. Most work here for benefits and not for wages."

Amptech isn't alone in feeling the effects of increased health care

costs. According to a survey sponsored by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, a national health care philanthropist, the number of small businesses offering health-care coverage decreased by 5 percent from 1996 to 1998.

Two lawmakers want to change that, each within different time frames.

Both hope to eliminate the Single Business Tax on health-care benefits.

The GOP bill, introduced by Rep. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Muskegon, would make the tax cuts effective immediately. The other, first introduced last session by Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, would phase in the cuts over 20 years.

Schauer is also a co-sponsor of Van Woerkom's bill. "The concept is the right one," he said. "But the question is whether the state can or wants to afford the immediate revenue loss."

An immediate tax cut would mean a loss of \$95 million to the state's general fund. If the tax cut

were phased in, it would bring a loss of \$9.5 million per year.

Van Woerkom said the bill, which has been referred to the House tax policy committee, has yet to be tested by opposition. "We may have to negotiate, but I hope it won't be extended any longer than five years."

However, both agree the legislation would benefit employees, in particular those employed by small businesses. "This would allow some businesses that can't afford health care to start offering it," Schauer said.

The governor's office is taking another stance in its stated opposition to the tax cut. "Only those who provide the most comprehensive health coverage would benefit, not the ones who provide limited or no health care," said Maureen McNulty Saxton, director of communications for the Department of Treasury.

"If the goal is to encourage more businesses to provide health coverage, this is not enough of a difference," McNulty Saxton said. "We

would favor a percent tax cut over all to the Single Business Tax."

Bob Neal, Ludington business owner and private-label ice cream manufacturer, said his ability to offer health insurance has made it difficult to attract and keep employees. "Attying we can do to lighten the load, we ought to do," he said.

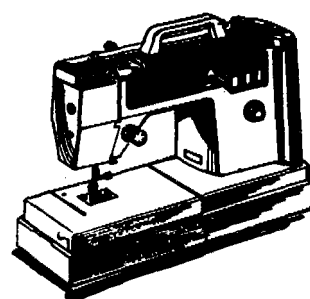
Neal, owner of House of Flavors that employs 70 people, said he has been able to minimize the effect of insurance cost increases by changing health care programs.

The Michigan branch of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) also is pushing for the passage of the legislation.

"The state needs to quit taxing employers for doing the right thing," said NFIB assistant state director Andy Deloney. "But to phase it in over 20 years would be too long. A lot of small businesses won't be around in 20 years."



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"Starting Monday, March 22, all of our unemployment benefit checks began being mailed in envelopes, instead of being folded and glued as they are now," Jack Wheatley, acting UA director, announced.

Currently, unemployment checks issued by the Unemployment Agency are self-mailers. The checks are folded, concealing the check face, and then are glued shut.

The agency is changing its mailing process for several reasons.

"We have gotten a few complaints from the Post Office and claimants that unemployment checks occasionally stick together

because of the glue," Wheatley said. "Once in a while, checks get caught in the automated postal processing equipment or a claimant might find another person's check stuck to his own."

The Unemployment Agency typically issues between 10,000 and 12,000 checks a day, and on high volume days the number reaches up to 20,000.

Throughout 1998, the agency mailed out more than 2.25 million checks statewide from its administrative offices in Detroit. Benefit checks generally cover two-week periods.

Wheatley said benefit checks will be issued as fast or faster through the new system.

"We will insert unemployment checks in envelopes and mail them the same day they are printed," Wheatley explained. "Occasional problems with our glue-machine, which would hold up the check

mailing process for a few hours, will be eliminated. In addition, the new process should reduce complaints about late or missing checks."

The agency also anticipates that efficiencies evolving from the new mailing process will more than offset the cost of envelopes.

Wheatley also cited other advantages to the use of envelopes:

- Less likelihood checks will be torn during mailing;
- Greater security for the check and the claimant's Social Security number. It is less likely checks will be opened in the mailing process, exposing the check and the claimant's Social Security number;
- Fewer equipment breakdowns at FEA during the preparation of checks; and
- Increased ability to sort envelopes by zip code, creating potential postal saving.

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Two new books on the subject of family trees are *Genealogy Online for Dummies* and *Netting Your Ancestors-Genalogical Research on the Internet*. Both books deal with searching for ancestors on the Internet and give URL's addresses, publications and other hints for filling in your family tree.

Other helpful books are *The Handy Book for Genealogists*, *Genealogist's Companion* and

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The Crawford County Library has census records for Crawford County and the Crawford County Avalanche on microfilm. Both can be viewed at the Library with a charge of 25 cents per page to print.

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OBITUARIES

Beatrice P. Berry

Beatrice P. Berry, formerly of Grayling and Caro, died March 27 at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids.

While residing in Grayling, Bea was affiliated with Michelson Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Stars, Business and Professional Women, and Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. She dearly loved the seventeen years of her retirement life spent at her cabin near the AuSable and the many friends made during that time.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther C. Berry and sons Paul P. Berry and Max L. Berry.

Survivors include: two daughters, Mavis Pechette of Caseville, Clara Anne (Keith) Crittenden of Lowell; two daughters-in-law, Ruth Berry of Caro, Betty Ederer of Rockford; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Caro.

Memorial gifts may be made to Clark Retirement Community, 1551 Franklin S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

John Desso

John Desso, 86, formerly of Grayling died April 8, at Luther Manor, Saginaw.

Mr. Desso was born March 25, 1913. He was the owner and operator of several motels and restaurants and was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Beatrice Walch and his second wife Mary Handley; one brother, Andrew Desso and a sister Mary Oncialla.

Survivors include: two daughters, Gail (Eric) Schultz and Carol (Kenneth) Conklin; five grandchildren, Erica, Bridget and Stephanie Schultz, Michelle Wakeley and Rochelle Conklin; two great-grandchildren, Jordan and Courtney Wakeley.

A Private Mass of Christian burial will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling with burial in the Elmwood Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by the Cederberg Funeral Home in Saginaw.

Memorial gifts may be made to Luther Manor Building Fund.

Evelyn DeRousha

Evelyn DeRousha, 86 of Grayling, died April 8 at The Meadows of Grayling.

Mrs. DeRousha was born July 26, 1912 in Capac to William H. and Nellie May (Moore) Coleman. She moved to Grayling 39 years ago from Waterford. She was formerly employed as an office worker for General Motors Corporation and also Frenchy's Landing Marina in Waterford. She helped organize the Eagles Auxiliary Chapter 3465 in Grayling and was past-madam-president of the auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles DeRousha in 1979 and by her parents, William and Nellie May Coleman.

Survivors include: a nephew, Everett C. DeRousha of Waterford; a sister, June Pixley of Grayling; a niece, Nancy Wagner of West Branch; and special friend, Elmer C. Warner of Grayling.

Funeral services were held April 12 at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Reverend Robert Barnett officiating. An Eagles Auxiliary Memorial Service was held at the funeral home immediately following the funeral. Burial was at the Elmwood Cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be directed to Hospice of Michigan, Roscommon.

Card of Thanks

Thank you, friends, neighbors and family for being so thoughtful and caring during our mother's (Pauline Meaker) illness with cancer and passing away. All your prayers, cards, calls and flowers were appreciated more than you will ever know. To one very special nephew and his family, Bill (Char) Fairbotham Jr., Sarah, Will and Jess, you were always there when she needed you. You were the son she never had, always so proud of you.

Thank you wonderful neighbors: Vic and Alva Waltz, Dennis & Cathy Ludwig, Harry & Hilda Wolfenbarger and John & Frances Fick, for the food and so many other kind deeds. Laurie, we thank you for caring for mom's pets, Penny & Missy and for just being there when needed.

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George was already married and with two daughters married to Lansing, where he, as a Lieutenant, retired from the Lansing Fire Department in 1964. He, Leo and Morden all reached the age of 80 in President Clinton's administration. Even though Milford died in 1996, all felt that they had inherited many good genes from their parents.

In 1939 with Leo, Morden, Milford, Jack, Caroline and Bill and

their Hampshire sheep, Holstein cattle, Percheron and Belgian horses, black Poland China pigs, Barred Rock chickens and farm machinery they first moved into one of the five houses still left in the area near the Manistee River located in the lumber ghost town of Deward. From there they cleared land, planted crops, built fences, temporary farm buildings and a home on their acres of Kalkaska sandy loam soil. In the Fall they moved up there from the Manistee River Valley. Their children were well fed and taught to work. All six remaining offspring acquired spouses from the local area. It is now late but we say, "Thank you, Dad and Mom."

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from April 5 through April 12:

One fire; one assault; five larceny; one fraud; four property damage; three public peace; one citation; 16

health and public safety (including 11 animal control); three conservation; four miscellaneous crimes; two minors; one runaway; ten accidents; one traffic safety; one false alarm; one hazardous condition; two accident-other; 14 vehicle inspections;

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A total of 94 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

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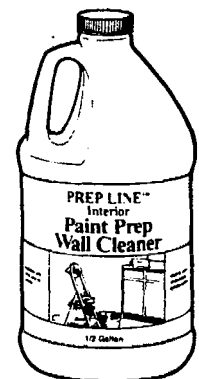
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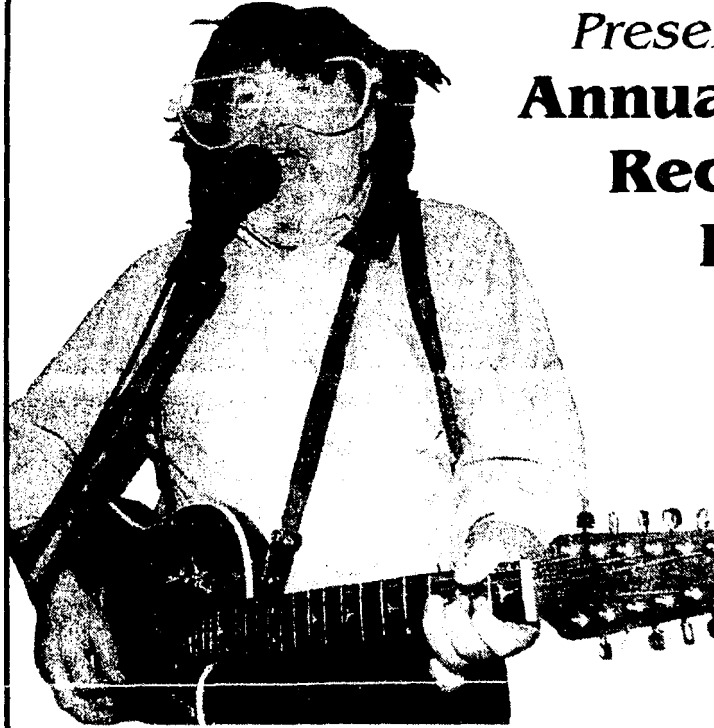
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Political fund-raisers may have to say where money goes

by David Hall
Capital News Service

Lansing - A Senate-passed bill now working its way through the House would expand the phrase "buyer beware" to include political fund raising.

The bill, which passed the Senate unanimously last week, would require vendors or sponsors to prominently disclose that the proceeds from merchandise, food or drink will benefit a political campaign.

"Anything that attempts to give fair warning to the public about where campaign money is going is a good thing," said Rep. Cameron Brown, R-Sturgis.

Detroit residents raised the issue after learning that part of the proceeds from beer sales at ethnic festivals in the Hart Plaza went to the re-election campaigns of some City Council members.

The sponsor, Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, said there's nothing wrong with that kind of fund raising -- as long as the public is aware of it at the sales counter. "People's complaints were that by buying the merchandise they were unknowingly supporting these candidates."

Before merchandise could be sold at an event the proposal would require signs wherever these products are sold with large

enough print to be read from five feet away. The signs would also have to state where the money would go.

William Ballenger, publisher of Inside Michigan Politics newsletter, said there's no reason why citizens wouldn't support the measure. "Anything that gets out information to the general public about campaign funding is good."

He also said, "People are saying that whatever the intentions of the bill, we need this oversight."

However, former Attorney General Frank Kelley opposes the measure. "Who are they trying to protect, besides those who don't need it? Lord knows I'm for

meaningful campaign reform, but this is irrelevant."

He said people know they're buying political merchandise when they purchase it. As far as beer sales are concerned, Kelley said that's nothing new. "I'm sure all the Elks clubs that had St. Patrick's Day parties have their money going somewhere."

Brown said this is one of the first campaign reform bills in a long line that may be considered this year.

"I think there will be more campaign reform bills taken up before this term is up. There's support on both sides to protect the public," he said.

Health Department pursues National Infant Immunization Week

District Health Department Number 10 reminds parents in the community to check their children's immunization records during National Infant Immunization Week, April 18-24.

A national effort is underway to increase the number of children younger than two, who receive vaccinations against preventable illnesses. *Immunization: Our Work Has Just Begun* is this year's theme for this important health effort.

Health department officials point out the tremendous strides made in children's health since the first vaccination was administered 200 years ago. Since then, many

innovations in immunizations have helped to reduce the number of vaccine preventable diseases that can cause disability and death. These diseases have been reduced by more than 99% since the introduction of vaccines.

Of utmost importance is the fact that the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the minimal risks.

According to Marilyn Pratt, Immunization Coordinator for District Health Department Number 10, children need 80% of their immunizations in the first two years of life to protect them against disease.

"Many people don't understand why vaccine schedules change

from year to year. They think that the public health community is being intentionally confusing. That's not the case at all! The occasional changes are part of an on-going effort to come up with the most effective schedule to protect our children."

Some of the more recent changes to increase immunization effectiveness include: a modification in the polio vaccination schedule; the substitution of DTaP vaccine for the older DTP vaccine; and just this year the introduction of rotavirus vaccine.

"Vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective and these changes make them even more

so," said Mrs. Pratt. "In the District Health Department Number 10 service area, childhood immunization coverage rates are 90% for the 19 through 35 month age group. We must push this number up even higher to take proper care of our children."

The theme for National Infant Immunization Week is appropriate, according to health department staff. The work really has only just begun and the mission is on-going to make sure that all children in the ten county service area are fully immunized.

For more information on immunizations as well as dates and times of immunization clinics, call the Health Department office in your area.

Frederic man among police academy graduates

The Kirtland Regional Police Academy will honor its eighth graduating class with ceremonies in the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium at Kirtland Community College on Friday, April 30.

Graduation begins at 11 a.m. and a reception will follow in the Student Center.

The public is invited to attend.

One member of the Winter 1999 class is Michael J. Girard of Frederic Township.

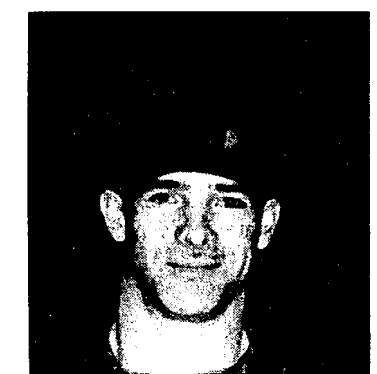
The commencement speaker will be Ralph L. Soffredine, chief of both the police and fire departments in Traverse City.

Academy Director Jerry W. Boerema and Kirtland Community College President Dr. Dorothy N. Franke will also address the graduates. One cadet will be elected by the class as student speaker.

Academy Coordinator Richard Cook and members of the faculty will present special awards in recognition of outstanding achievement.

Representatives of the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees and the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards will join Franke and Boerema in presenting graduation certificates.

MILITARY NEWS



Sergeant First Class David A. Bobenmoyer

During a ceremony at First Formation in the Armory, Staff Sergeant (Staff Sgt) David A. Bobenmoyer of Grayling was promoted to Sergeant First Class (Sgt. 1st Class) in the Michigan Army National Guard at Camp Grayling.

He is the son of Donald and Elaine Bobenmoyer of Grayling.

Sgt 1st Class Bobenmoyer has been a member of the Michigan Army National Guard for 19 years and is currently assigned as a Supply Supervisor with the Maneuver Training Center (MTC), Camp Grayling, MI.

He is a graduate of Grayling High School and is employed as a Federal Technician at Camp Grayling. Sergeant First Class Bobenmoyer resides in Grayling with his wife, Julie and daughters, Jessica and Nicole.

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Unemployment payments rise as collections dip

by Ian Van Walleghem
Staff Writer

Unemployment benefit payments increased by nearly 13 percent in Michigan last year, approaching close to a billion dollars, as tax collections were reduced.

The State of Michigan Unemployment Agency (UA) paid out more than \$949.5 million in state unemployment insurance benefits in 1998. Acting UA Director, Jack Wheatley said, "Last summer's GM-UAW strike contributed to the benefit payment increase, which otherwise would have stayed close to the 1997 payments of \$873.4 million."

Wheatley reported that the GM strike also had an impact on the size of the average unemployment check, and the average length of

time a jobless worker collected benefits. The average benefit check climbed by 5.8 percent, as the average duration of benefit payments fell by almost 13 percent.

As of February 1999, Crawford County had an unemployment rate of 8.6 percent, as compared to the national average of 4.7 percent. Crawford County's total labor force is currently 5,575 with 475 of those people being unemployed.

Unemployment has traditionally been lowest in the summer months of July and August. Last year, Crawford County's unemployment rate dropped to 3.9 percent in July. The discrepancy is due primarily to seasonal work in service producing industries.

The city of Grayling has an unemployment rate of 10.9 percent,

as of February 1999. This average is one-tenth of a percent higher than February 1998 and 1.8 percent lower than February 1997.

The Northern Lower Peninsula's wage and salary employment has grown by 4,050 or 2.2 percent. During the past year, job gains in retail trade were the largest, with 1,175 new positions posted at a 2.9 percent gain.

The second highest increase in jobs came from private services, with employment growing by 1,125 people or an increase of 2.5 percent. Construction also improved with a gain of 375 or 4.0 percent.

Both durable and non-durable goods offset declines, providing employment in manufacturing with an improvement of 275 positions or 2.9 percent.

Growth in government jobs was 925 positions or 2.9 percent, with the primary gain in the local level. Annual losses were primarily confined to transportation, communications, and utilities.

The Michigan unemployment rate of 4.6 percent is favorable compared to the national average of 4.7 percent. The highest rate in the Northern Lower Peninsula during February was recorded in Cheboygan County at 20.8 percent. Leelanau County recorded the lowest rate at 4.8 percent.

Crawford County compares well to its neighboring county's unemployment rates: Kalkaska County at 9.1 percent; Oscoda County at 10.5 percent; Otsego County at 5.8 percent; and Roscommon County at 11.3 percent.

Final travelogue to visit Vancouver, Isle of Wonder

The final performance of the 1998-99 Travel and Adventure Series will take place on Wednesday, April 21 as Tom Sterling presents *Vancouver, Isle of Wonder* at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Take a tour of the Canadian province of British Columbia through film, where only from the air can you fully appreciate the sweep of 12-mile long Long Beach.

It is a tremendous magnet for beachcombers and beach walkers alike. Canada geese and black brant are frequent visitors to the shallow eelgrass beds just offshore. Rainfall in the region totals as much as 300 inches annually given way to lush rainforest plants, like orchids, and hummingbirds.

Moving up the interior mountains, spend time with the elk,

courting blue grouse and "boxing" marmots.

The second half of the trip begins in the capital of Victoria, where old-world charm abounds with horse-drawn surreys, street musicians and stately architecture. A visit to the Butchart Gardens is also included.

Vancouver Island's most native flora is a reason to explore up island. Giant cow parsnip, rhododendrons and avalanche lilies share their home with Roosevelt elk, wolves, deer and baby marmots.

A variety of botanical treasures will be explored at Mittenatch Provincial Park. The park is also a refuge for nesting oystercatchers, gulls, guillemots, otters and bald eagles.

A helicopter ride takes viewers up to the more remote island of Triangle. Here is where puffins,

peregrine falcons and stellar sea lions make their homes.

The host, Tom Sterling of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, spent much of his boyhood exploring the Great Lakes region.

Following high school graduation he worked at Yellowstone National Park and spent five years in the U.S. Air Force, allowing him to travel.

A wish to record the journeys in Sterling's life prompted an interest in cinematography and travelogue production.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for students and seniors. Tickets will be sold at the door.

For group rates and other ticket ordering information, call the Community Education Department at 348-7641, ext. 120.

Low-cost health coverage available for kids

Under a new federal initiative, low-cost or free health insurance coverage is now available to most children. As a result of the initiative, each state is developing its own children's health insurance program to make health care more affordable for kids who need it. In addition, Medicaid now provides free health coverage to most low-income children.

A major reason why one out of every seven children in America is without health insurance is that many parents who cannot afford

private insurance don't know about their options.

With almost all states participating in this new initiative, it is imperative that we get the word out so that parents can understand where they can get help. Social Security is joining with other agencies to help publicize the program as a community service.

The national initiative to make affordable health insurance available to kids is based on studies that show the difference health care makes when it is available at a

young age.

"Children with health insurance are more likely to be healthy as newborns, receive needed immunizations as toddlers, and get treatment for illnesses such as recurring ear infections and asthma. Without treatment, these diseases can slow a child's learning and have lifelong consequences."

Interested persons should call (517) 348-7691.

A federal contact is the Health Care Finance Administration, at (410) 786-8705.

CRCD to host pond and wetland workshop

The Crawford/Roscommon Conservation District (CRCD) will host a "pond and wetland" workshop on Saturday, May 8, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

The main topic of discussion will be pond and wetland construction and maintenance.

Resource experts will talk about different types of ponds and the purpose of each, as well as the laws,


regulations and permits associated with pond and wetland development. Information regarding financial assistance, pond safety, and maintenance will also be provided.

The workshop will conclude with a tour of a Roscommon-area pond that was constructed in 1994, at which there will be on-site discussion and a question and answer session.

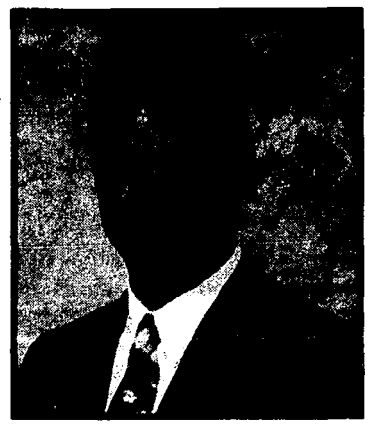
An information packet, lunch, coffee and snack will be provided.

The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is \$12 per person (\$10 per person for additional family members). Pre-registration is required, and due April 23.

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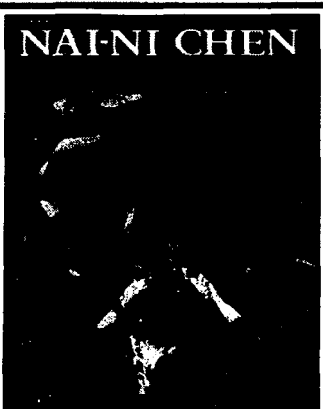
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Horse owners should test for EIA this spring

Due to recent cases of equine infectious anemia (EIA) reported in the state, Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant recommends that all horse owners have their animals tested for EIA before the biting insect season begins.

Ten positive horses located on four farms have been identified in Michigan during February and March of this year. These horses have all been destroyed.

State regulations allow MDA to test horses exposed to a positive horse and horses in any area of a known positive case of EIA. Testing of equine that have been in contact with the 1999 positive horses is on-going, with over 150 horses tested so far. All the positive horses have been in the Brown City area along the border of Lapeer and Sanilac counties.

November 1 through April 30 is considered a non-transmission period in Michigan because the insects associated with the spread of the disease are generally not present in our climate.

Therefore, these newly discovered cases were the result of infection during last year's transmission period in the summer or fall, or from a previous year.

EIA is a viral infection that produces anemia, intermittent fever and severe weight loss in horses and other equidae (eg., ponies, mules and donkeys), and can lead to the death of an infected animal. EIA occurs only in equine, and is not spread to other animals or humans.

Sometimes confused with Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), which can be transmitted by mosquitoes to humans and horses, EIA poses no human health risk.

The disease is transmitted by the exchange of certain body fluids, mainly blood, from an infected animal to a non-infected animal. EIA

is usually spread by biting insects, but can also be transmitted by mechanical means. Using instruments, such as needles and syringes, that were previously used and contaminated with blood from an infected animal, can infect a healthy animal. Blood transfusions may also cause transmission of the virus.

"Horse owners are not required by law to test Michigan-native horses for EIA, but are encouraged to have their animals tested on an annual basis," said Wyant. "Equine Infectious Anemia can be easily detected through a relatively inexpensive blood test.

"If an animal tests positive, the owner has four options: quarantine the positive animal a minimum of 1/4 mile from other horses; move the animal to an insect-free environment and quarantine it there; euthanize the animal and dispose of it; or ship the animal to slaughter." Whatever option is selected, it must be implemented according to approved guidelines and/or be approved by the director.

EIA can have a large economic impact on the horse industry if an outbreak occurs.

Prevention of EIA is important: there is no vaccine to prevent the disease and no known cure. Along with having the animals tested on a regular basis, horse owners should take extra care in controlling flies and other biting insects in areas where horses are kept.

"EIA has the potential to spread quickly during peak insect levels in Michigan, so it is important to have horses tested before May 1, when insects usually start to reappear in our state," said Wyant. "Horse owners should also strive to keep all barn areas free of standing water, which promotes insect breeding, and minimize manure piles in barns and pastures to keep the fly populations down."

The Michigan Department of Agriculture recommends that the following guidelines be followed to prevent EIA infection and spread of the disease:

- Reduce flies in barns or stables and pastures.
- Use insect repellent sprays or wipes on horses.
- Avoid exposing your animal to sick animals.
- Use a new sterile needle on each animal when vaccinating or administering medication.
- Clean and sterilize all instruments thoroughly after each use.
- Do not share saddles, bridles and other pieces of equipment between any animals with open or bleeding wounds or sores.
- Do not breed mares or stallions that you suspect or know are infected.

• Observe your animal daily. At the first appearance of any of the disease signs (fever, depression, or loss of appetite) isolate the sick animal and call your veterinarian.

• Purchase animals only after they have been tested and found to be free of any evidence of disease. Insist on being furnished with a copy of the test report.

• Only participate in events (shows, sales, races, trail rides, etc.) that require prior testing for all animals.

• Request that all other event managers/promoters require proof of negative EIA status.

• Establish a routine EIA testing schedule with your private veterinarian.

For more information, contact Dr. Steve Halstead, MDA Equine Veterinarian, at (517) 373-1077.

Farmers to be reimbursed for tuberculosis testing

Following a request by a northern Michigan lawmaker, the state Department of Agriculture has agreed to reimburse livestock owners for required bovine tuberculosis testing.

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, suggested the plan several weeks ago in a letter to Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

"With slim profit margins in the livestock industry, any state mandates put upon farmers could make the difference between staying in business or filing for bankruptcy," said Bradstreet, a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management. "The department's decision to reimburse is a bright spot for farmers struggling with numerous challenges."

The decision affects livestock owners in the quarantined area bordered by Interstate Highway 75 to the west, M-55 to the south, and Lake Huron and the Straits of Mackinac to the east and north.

"The farmers located in this zone are a valuable resource to the industry and Michigan's food supply chain," Bradstreet said. "We need to consider their plight as they confront this difficult situation."

The \$10 per-head reimbursement will be made directly to each livestock owner for testing done by the owner's private veterinary practitioner between April 1 and December 31, 1999. It is the owner's responsibility to pay the practitioner for services rendered.

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Not so fast. Before jumping into the market for a new vehicle, consider all of your options.

Just as a homeowner wouldn't abandon his or her home when it's time for some rewiring, people no longer automatically assume that their minivan, light

truck, sport utility vehicle or passenger car is beyond hope when the engine begins to show its age.

Ten to 15 years ago, the condition of the typical vehicle infrastructure-body panels, wiring system, transmission, etc.-might have dictated buying a new car.

Today, however, with dramatic increases in engineering and manufacturing quality, vehicles have become infinitely more durable.

In particular, body panels are no longer rusting out in four, five or six years. Electrical harnesses, transmissions and the other

automotive life-support systems are equally advanced. Even that beleaguered engine probably has tens of thousands more miles in it -- after a little work, of course.

A new vehicle may carry a \$25,000 price tag. Even the most attractive vehicle leasing packages carry hefty price tags. Once you factor in the down payment and surrender charge, not to mention the mileage surcharge, you've basically bought yourself a car -- except you don't own it at the end of the term.

How much will engine repair cost? It depends on the extent of damage to the engine. Chances are very good, though, that you'll be limited to remanufacturing a cylinder head.

Even a cracked aluminum head can be made like new these days, and with all-new internal components-valves, valve guides and valve springs -- the cost of repair shouldn't exceed \$1,500.

Even in the worst-case scenario -- a complete engine overhaul or the outright purchase of

a remanufactured motor -- your out-the-door cost shouldn't exceed the down payment (through lease or purchase) on that new vehicle.

Most quality engine rebuilders offer extended product warranties. You should expect to save thousands of dollars over the next few years simply by rebuilding your present engine.

What is rebuilding? The loss of horsepower or presence of tailpipe smoke is likely the result of the gradual wearing of parts within your engine.

This can cause excess oil consumption and the telltale blue smoke, the loss of compression and power during the combustion process (explaining your engine's lack of torque), and a variety of other telling symptoms.

"Rebuilding an engine is the process through which a skilled technician, using precision equipment, remachines your cylinder head and/or block to new specifications, then installs brand-new internal components," explains Ray Swetman, engine parts marketing manager for Federal-Mogul Corporation. "The result is a return to the exact operating tolerances designed by the vehicle manufacturer. Your engine is, in many respects, like new again."

To find out about rebuilding a once-reliable engine, discuss your options with an independent repair garage or the nearest automotive engine rebuilding service.

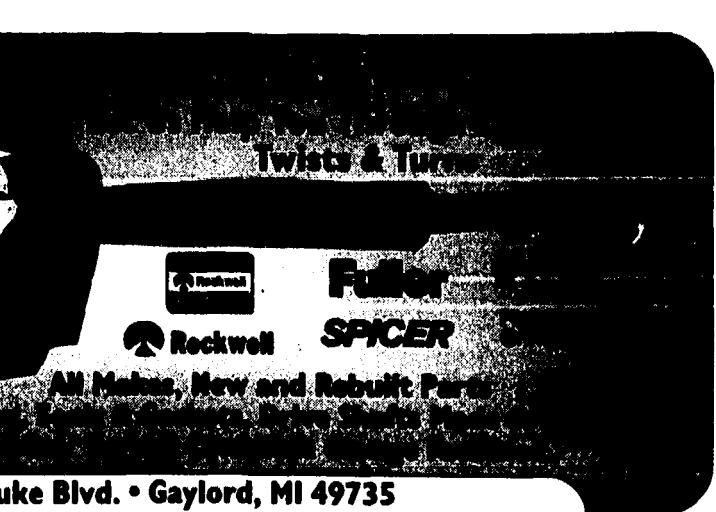
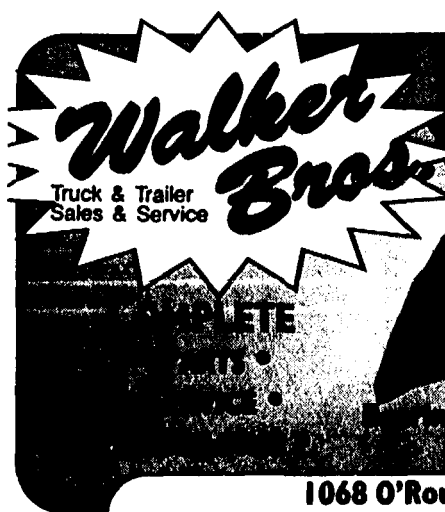
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Tips for used car shoppers

Does the idea of shopping for a used car make you cringe? You're not alone; even among the most experienced auto buffs used car shopping stirs mixed emotions, from anxiety to gusto. Although many shoppers fear ending up with a "lemon," they still enjoy the anticipation of landing the perfect vehicle at a fair price.

The Car Care Council suggests the following tips for consumers who are eyeing the used car market.

1. *Mind over matter* - Finding the right vehicle can be an emotional decision. We tend to fall in love with our cars, a relationship which can become "love-hate" when the used car becomes somewhat of a clunker. For this reason it's important not to let your heart override your common sense. Shop with another person to ensure that a second opinion is close at hand.

2. *Clean out your comb* - Used

cars are just that... USED. The new car warranty is either gone or waning, so make sure all guarantees are in writing. Go over this paperwork with the proverbial fine tooth comb.

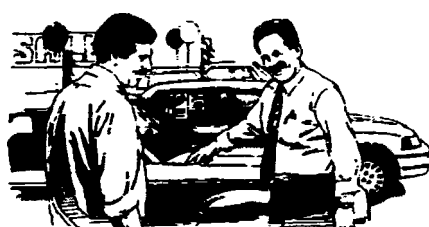
3. *High mileage/high value* - Don't be frightened off by high mileage. Shoppers who traditionally have ruled out older cars with high mileage now are discovering these can be excellent buys. The median age of a vehicle now exceeds 8 years, an increase of 50% during the past decade. Vehicles are more durable, and we're putting more miles on them.

"People are keeping their vehicles longer," confirms R.B. Grisham, Executive Vice President, National Independent Automobile Dealers Association. "Add to this the higher price of new cars, and you can see why the used car market is overtaking the new."

A high mileage vehicle (100,000+ miles) may be relatively trouble free for years, says the Council. If they've had proper care, major components, including the engine and transmission may be good for many more miles.

4. *Don't skip "history class"* - A big factor, of course, is the vehicle's service history. Beware of the private seller who boasts, "I never had to do a thing to it." It could be a breakdown or an accident waiting to happen. Sooner or later lack of maintenance will catch up... sometimes with the new owner.

5. *Play the Price is Right* - At your bank, library or auto parts store you can borrow or buy an appraisal guide. These books, published by National Auto Dealers Association, Kelly's Blue Book, Edmunds and others, help determine if the seller's



asking price is in the right range. This information also is available on the Internet.

6. *A checkup before a check* - Used car shoppers should invest in a thorough inspection of any used vehicle. Due to the complex systems in today's vehicles, analysis of these sophisticated systems demand more than a trained eye, they also require specialized equipment for total evaluation.

"It's not that the buyer should 'borrow trouble' or look for an Achilles Heel to use against the asking price," explained Donna Wagner, Vice President of the Car Care Council. "But he/she should do everything possible to avoid buying a bomb. A valuable ally in this procedure is a well trained and equipped technician."

The Car Care Council offers an informative brochure on vehicle inspections.

For your free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Car Care Council, Dept. SPE9-X1, 42 Park Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

Appearance important for trade-ins

"Things are not always what they appear," said the magician as he turned the scarf into a dove.

Unfortunately, when it comes to vehicles, things are often exactly as they appear, and that can be bad news for the car owner. It takes more than a magic wand to turn a rusting hood, sagging headliner, and torn upholstery into a thing of beauty.

A vehicle's appearance is of major importance to both the car and owner, says the Car Care Council. They suggest several reasons motorists should be attuned to this issue. Among them are increased value, satisfaction, first impressions and the snowball effect.

• Increased Value - At trade-

in time a well-kept vehicle can be worth twice as much as its dirty dented, peeling, ragged counterpart. That's like extra money in the bank for the appearance conscientious car owner.

• Satisfaction -- Many motorists spend as much time in their vehicles as they do in their living rooms. No one wants to sit on a sagging sofa, walk on filthy carpet and look through broken windows at home, so why do it in the car?

• First Impressions -- Cars make as much of an impression to the outside world as one's clothing and cleanliness. A Rolls Royce is not a must, but a car that's clean and has that well cared for look is vital.

• Snowball Effect -- Mending a

cigarette burn in the upholstery is not an expensive endeavor, but let it go and guess what happens? Other "little" problems begin to appear and the snowball effect begins. A ding occurs on the side of the door, a rusty spot emerges on the bumper, a rear light gets broken and a knob works its way off the stereo. What began as one little job becomes many, perhaps involving paint, upholstery molding and more.

The best advice, according to the Council, is to keep your eyes open and correct problems immediately. There's no magic wand, but there is common sense; in this case, it will make your driving more pleasurable and your trade-in more profitable.

High test gasoline: is it worth it?

Why does a person buy more expensive high-octane gas for a vehicle that doesn't need it? "It just seems to run better on high test," is the most common answer. "It's better for the car."

Automotive engineers maintain that an engine designed to run on regular (87 octane) ought to run well on that fuel. The main reason for resorting to higher octane is because the engine was designed for that fuel; in this case it would be specified in the owner's manual.

Another reason is if the car has been neglected and runs poorly on the standard grade of gas.

If your engine is getting hard to start, knocks or pings on hills, keeps on running after the ignition is shut off (that's called "dieseling") or if it runs rough, upgrading the gas may help temporarily. But that inexpensive fix eventually will lead to real world engine services, says the Car Care Council.

Ask your service technician what's causing the symptoms and take corrective measures.

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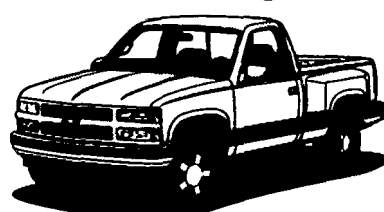
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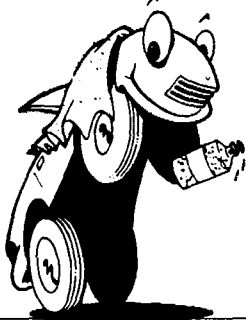
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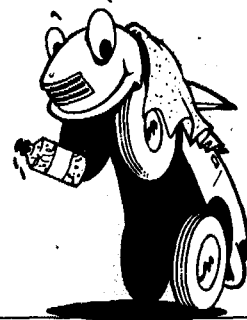


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- Protect your vehicle's color. Most newer cars are painted with a clear top coat designed to increase the vehicle's paint durability. When choosing car care

products, choose clear coat-safe products that clean, shine and protect your car's finish.

- Use soap specifically designed for cars. Make sure the product you use is free of harsh detergents or abrasives. This will help protect your car's original color and aid in spot-free drying. Detergents such as dish soap can remove protective wax finish.

- Select a hand-held tire cleaner with a high-pressure nozzle. To give white- or black-wall tires a showroom luster, choose an easy-to-use, point-and-spray tire cleaner designed to remove dirt, mud and road grime without harsh scrubbing.

- Choose a foaming cleaner for

cloth seats and carpets. To clean your cloth seats and carpets, use a cleaner that penetrates and lifts dirt and stains. Foaming cleaners offer superior surfactants to lift dirt away without the need for vigorous scrubbing. Make sure the cleaner you select is free of bleach and heavy perfumes.

- Clean and condition your leather, vinyl seats, tops or dashboards. To keep your leather or vinyl looking like new, choose a cleaner and conditioner that repels water and protects from drying and cracking.

- Choose no-run foam products for glass, instruments and dash. For clean and clear windshields, windows, mirrors and

instrument covers, buy fast-acting, no-run foam products. Those that contain no harsh abrasives or fluorocarbons can also be used on chrome and stainless steel without streaking or filming.

- Keep your dashboard dust-free. Select protectant pads that dust and shine in a single, quick application to keep your dashboard spic and span. Easily stored in the glove compartment, these pads can be used on doors, seats, floor mats, trim and even your car's bumpers.

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Regular maintenance makes 'car cents'

Dropping off the car at the shop for service is one of those things most people don't do until it is absolutely necessary. But car experts will tell you that's not the best way to approach caring for your car.

Cars need to be maintained, not just repaired when serious problems arise. In fact, just a few dollars spent on vehicle maintenance can save several times that amount in emergency repairs when you least expect them --

not to mention inconvenience and potentially hazardous situations.

To keep your car running smoothly, follow these tips from Randy Drier, ASE-certified master automotive technician from Snap-on Tools Company.

- Replace front brakes every 20,000 to 30,000 miles and rear brakes every 40,000 to 60,000 miles. Driving beyond that without brake service runs the risk of damaging expensive brake com-

ponents such as rotors, seals, hardware and drums. Replacing rotors will cost you twice as much as a standard brake job, while replacing drums, seals and hardware will cost you three times as much.

- Have your oil changed every 3,000 miles or every three months. Changing your oil is one of the single best things you can do for your vehicle. Prolonged driving without an oil change can severely damage or even destroy the engine. An oil change every three months or 3,000 miles may spare you the significant expense of replacing the engine.

- Replace engine coolant every two years. Radiators can get clogged and filled with sediment caused from old coolants. If sediment builds up, you may need to replace the radiator altogether. Replacing a radiator costs five to six times as much as simply replacing engine coolant.

- Have transmission fluid changed every 15,000 to 30,000 miles. Doing so will strongly increase the chances that your transmission will last the life of the car and that you won't have

to go to the expense of installing a new one.

- Tire rotation should be performed every other oil change -- about every 6,000 miles. Rotation substantially increases tire life by dramatically reducing wear and tear.

- Replace shock absorbers and struts every 24,000 miles or every two to four years. Driving with old shocks and struts can wear out your tires, ruining the treads and causing poor handling and performance. Shocks and struts are significantly less expensive than new tires.

Consult your owner's manual and your automotive technician. These guidelines are general rules of thumb. Always make sure to consult the maintenance schedule in your owner's manual and your automotive technician for information specific to your vehicle.

Take care of your cooling system

Among the more common household disasters is flooding of the laundry area due to a split hose on a washing machine. It can happen while the family is asleep or away from home, resulting in horrendous damage.

Also vulnerable to a similar disaster is your car. A bulging radiator hose, carrying hot water (coolant) under pressure, can rupture. The damage to the engine and transmission can add up to thousands of dollars. Cooling system neglect is cited as a principal reason for mechanical failure of a vehicle. Discovering a leaking radiator, hose connection, a sticking thermostat or other cooling system component that's on "borrowed time" can save the life of one's engine.

There's more than repair money to be saved by proper maintenance of a vehicle's cooling system, says the Car Care Council. A faulty thermostat, for example, which can cause an engine to run too cold, can cut fuel economy by 10%-20%. And, of course, there's the possible cost and inconvenience of a breakdown on the road.

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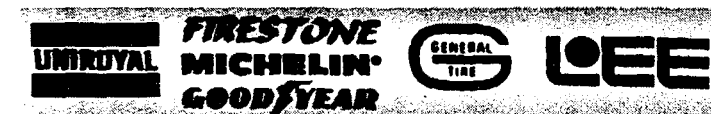
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The team's season starts on Wednesday, April 14, with a pair of ball games at Boyne City.

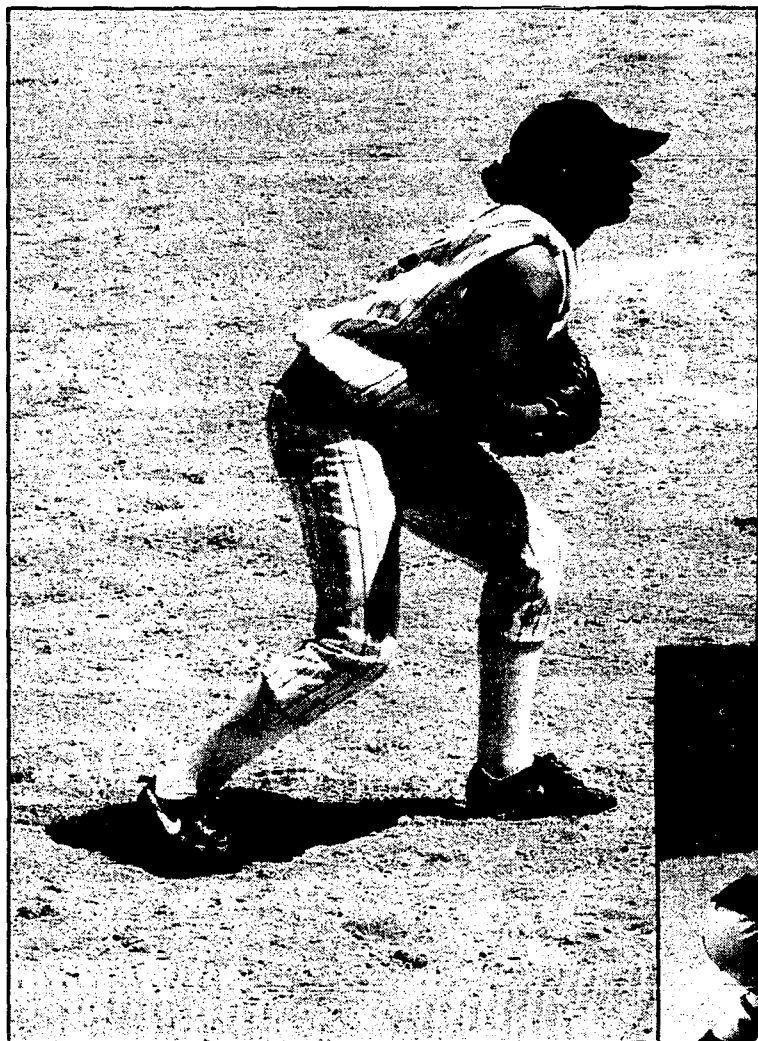
The Vikings will play their home opener on Friday, April 16, versus Kalkaska.

Last season the Vikes made it as far as the District Semi-Finals, after beating Kalkaska in the opening

round of Districts. The team lost a heartbreaker to Harrison in the Semi-Finals by a final score of 1-0, after Harrison scored the lone run of the game in the bottom of the seventh inning.

After hosting the Blazers on the April 16 home opener, the Vikes will head to Roscommon and Gaylord on April 19 and 20, respectively.

The Vikings will head back to their home field on Friday, April 23, for a doubleheader against West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



FIELDING STANCE -- (above) Grayling's third baseman Melanie Paxton gets ready to make a play. (right) Paxton slides into home during last season's District Tournament semi-final game against Harrison.



AT THE PLATE -- Varsity softball player Brandy Ritter takes a cut. Jean Zelek warms up in the on deck circle.

Little League schedules Spring Clean-up Day

For the Grayling Little League, April is a time of work and play. For parents, it means spring clean-up and preparation. For kids, it means play with renewed hopes for a successful season.

This year's Little League Spring Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9 a.m. at Millikin Field.

Parents of Little League players and anyone else who wishes to participate are invited to attend and help get the fields ready for this year's Grayling Little League season.

Kids can use the batting cages while the clean-up volunteers work.

Gus Macker participants should feel free to come as time permits.



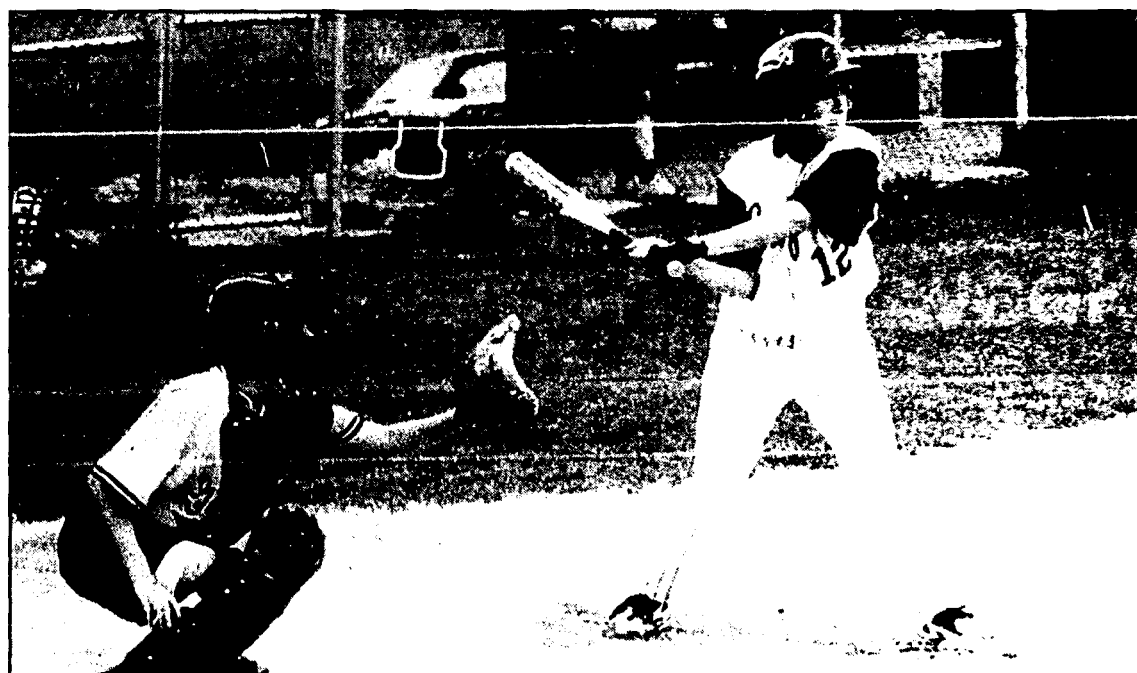
FIELD MAINTENANCE -- Local carpenter Richard Cook gets an early start on Little League upkeep by building a pitching machine shed at the Senior League Fields.



IN THE CAGE -- Neil Cook takes some swings in the batting cage.



MAKING CONTACT -- GHS senior Mandy Trudgeon puts the ball in play.



CLEAN-UP -- Clean-up hitter Jean Zelek eyes an incoming pitch.

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BOWLING LEAGUE

American Men

Gaylord Ford	33 - 9
McLean's Ace	27 - 15
Joel's Team	25 - 17
Forrest Bros.	22 - 20
Upper Lakes	22 - 20
Fenton's Auto	14 - 28
Stitches by Sue	13 - 29
Moore's Auto	12 - 30
High Game: D. Metzger, 264; K. Louchart, 226; L. Davis, 217; B. Hurd, 217.	
High Series: D. Metzger, 597; D. Canfield, 591; L. Davis, 575.	

Triangle

C.S.I. Ind. Sys.	36.5 - 19.5
Sumner	35.5 - 20.5
Airway Auto	33 - 23
Barber Const.	28 - 28
Moshier Auto	24.5 - 31.5
Johnson	10.5 - 45.5
High Game: T. Devins, 247; G.	

Miller, 226; M. Campbell, 215; T. Everly, 215.	
High Series: T. Devins, 675; J. Golnick, 588; J. Campbell, 571.	

Sunday Night Mixed

McDonald's of Gaylord	35 - 25
R&M Masonry	33.5 - 26.5
Waste Management	32 - 28
McDonald's	30 - 30
Us & Them	30 - 30
Citgo	30 - 30
Custom Interior	26.5 - 33.5
Wakeley's Auto Parts	23 - 37
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 241; R. Adkinson, 221; R. Moshier, 212.	
Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 643; R. Adkinson, 578; R. Moshier, 557.	
Women's High Game: S. Romain, 192; S. France, 186; S. Sumner, 185.	
Women's High Series: S. Romain, 547; S. France, 518; J. Hinds, 511.	

Friday Mixed Doubles

Charlie's Country Corner	36 - 20
Moshier Auto Repair	35.5 - 20.5
Hilltop Manor HCC	30 - 26
Aunt Betty's	29 - 27
R. Calkins & Sons	25 - 31
Sawmill	25 - 31
Just Us	24.5 - 31.5
Fick & Sons	19 - 37
High Game Men: L. Helsel, 252; L. Davis Jr., 233; M. Sumner, 230.	
High Series Men: L. Davis Jr., 650; L. Helsel, 590; M. Sumner, 589.	
High Game Women: S. Sumner,	

HONORS



Nate Hinkle

Grayling High School junior Nate Hinkle was recently named to the Detroit Free Press' Class B All-State "Third Team" for basketball. Hinkle received "Honorable Mention" recognition from the Free Press last year as a sophomore.

Hinkle led the Varsity Basketball Team in scoring, rebounds, steals and three point shooting this past season, and was named to the All-NEMC "First Team."

199; S. Rioux, 189; B. Lozon, 188.	
High Series Women: S. France, 529; S. Rioux, 494; J. Hinds, 488.	

Senior Citizen League

Cornell Realty	73 - 43
Flowers By Josie	62 - 54
Totten's Body Shop	60 - 56
Sylvester's Sports	56.5 - 59.5
Baynham Forest Prod.	54.5 - 61.5
Buccilli's Pizza	53 - 63
Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us	53 - 63
Stevens Family Circle	52 - 64
Men's High Game: D. Germain, 215; R. Dandy, 196; O. Brantley, 184.	
Men's High Series: D. Germain, 525; O. Brantley, 513; R. Dandy, 500.	
Women's High Game: P. Harris, 187; R. Joyce, 170; G. Donnelly, 168.	
Women's High Series: P. Harris, 472; R. Joyce, 463; D. Brantley, 451.	

National First

Faustman's Insurance	60 - 24
Century 21	60 - 24
Grayling Ford	54 - 30
Northern White Tail	47 - 37
Forrest Brothers	33 - 51
Gun's & Grub's	30 - 54
Hellebuyck Masonry	28 - 56
Swamp II	24 - 60
High Game: C. Brill, 247; D. Canfield, 245; B. Palmer, 236.	

High Series: C. Brill, 725; D. Canfield, 629; M. Smith, 608.	
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Recreation League

Peterson Saw Service	35 - 21
Fun-N-Sun Rental	34 - 22
Mark 8	33 - 23
Scheer Motors	31 - 25
Mickey Perez CPA	25 - 31
Glen's Market	25 - 31
Gray Rock Cafe	21 - 35
Cornell	20 - 36
High Game: K. Moshier, 204; C. Mead, 194; K. Schneider, 186.	
High Series: K. Schneider, 521; D. Mead, 493; J. Hinds, 485.	

Northwood

Milltown Chiropractic	33 - 19
Darrell's Roofing	29.5 - 22.5
R. Calkins & Sons	28.5 - 23.5
Rochette's	28 - 24
Rich's Cycle Service	25 - 27
Millikin's	24 - 28
Shady Acres Party Store	20 - 32
R & M Masonry	20 - 32
High Game: D. Elekonich, 204; T. Raybould, 182; D. Roman, 179.	
High Series: P. D'Amour, 479; L. Dannenberg, 479; B. Lifford, 474.	

Pioneer League

Millikin's	32 - 20
Avalanche	31.5 - 20.5
Aunt Betty's	30 - 22
Custom Interior	29 - 23
Chemical Bank	26.5 - 25.5
Ginger's	25.5 - 26.5
Mercy Hospital	21 - 31
Lady Slippers	12.5 - 39.5
High Game: P. Prause, 200; J. Hinds, 188; L. Fisher, 187.	
High Series: J. Hinds, 528; L. Fisher, 505; M. Moshier, 497.	

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Final Standings

Sawmill II	224
Spikes	190
Plaza	187
Frederic Inn	166
Legion	155
Sawmill I	154
Won all six games: Sandy P and Dee K. of Spikes.	
Banquet April 19, 7 p.m. at the Sawmill.	

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

The Grayling Youth Bowling (GYB) League finished up its regular season on Saturday, March 20, with position round bowling. The following are the GYB League's final team standings:

Transport League

1st Chevilles
2nd T-Birds
3rd Mustangs
4th Ramblers
5th Corvettes
6th Road Masters
7th Camaro's
8th Mercury Cruisers
Sub-David Hutt

Rock League

1st Temptations
2nd Dimensions

3rd Supremes

4th Beatles
5th Rat Pack
6th Tops
7th Rolling Stones
8th Pretenders

Roll League

1st Hound Dogs
2nd Twisters
3rd Blue Suedes
4th Limbo's
5th Leaders of the Pack
6th Rock N' Robins
7th Surfers
8th Jail House Rockers
Sub-Jeff Hubbard

GYB will hold its annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 17, at 5 p.m. at Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

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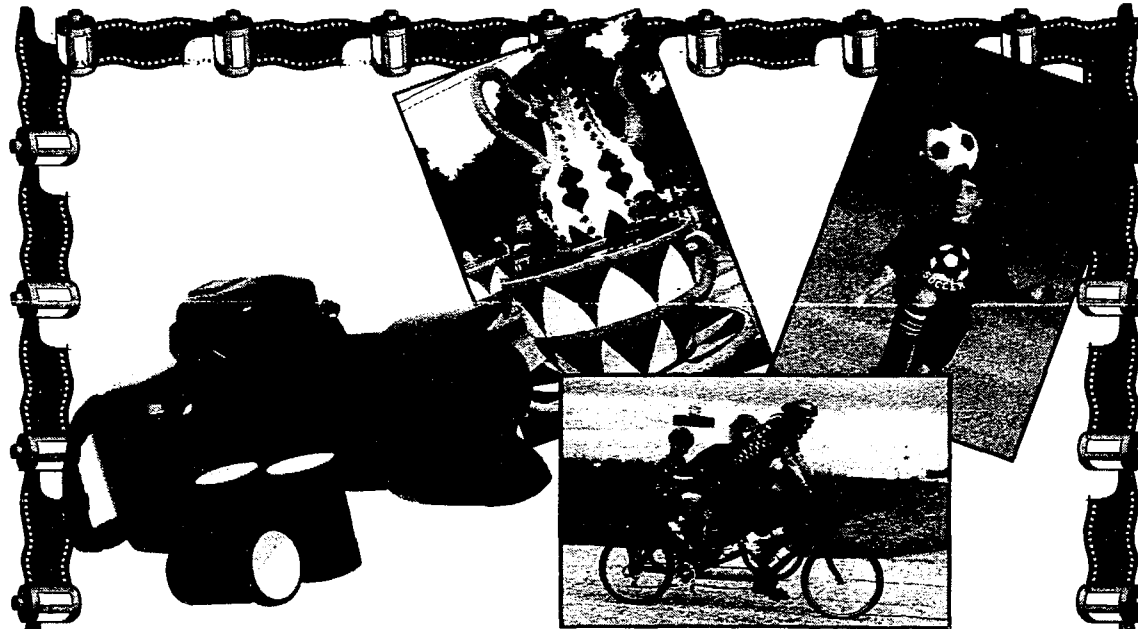
Please complete this form and send it with your check for \$15.00 to Mercy Hospital, Community Relations Department, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 no later than April 21st. For additional concerns please call 517-348-0708.

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LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Louise E. Herrick, a single woman (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 1992, and recorded on June 10, 1992 in Liber 343, on Page 217, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 14/100 dollars (\$41,844.14), including interest at 8.125% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 06/05 each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on April 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4, East Branch Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 08, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption

period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 1999
For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Citizens Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990202252
Ravens

-18-25-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark E. Easterle, and Anissa Ann Easterle, his wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 1997, and recorded on December 16, 1997 in Liber 437, on Page 357, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN AND 85/100 dollars (\$67,267.85), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made

and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on April 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Harbor Beach, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 42 & 43, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 1999
For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Citizens Bank
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990202253
Ravens

-18-25-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew Decker and Della Decker, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage America (IMC), Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 19, 1997, and recorded on November 19, 1997 in Liber 442, on Page 90, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the IMC Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated March 9, 1999 which was recorded on March 30, 1999, in Liber 477, on Page 569, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SIXTY-SIX AND 96/100 dollars (\$26,066.96), including interest at 12.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on May 26, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at a point on the East and West centerline 487 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence North 190 feet; thence East 100 feet; thence South 190 feet; thence West 100 feet to the point of beginning. Section 35, Township 28 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 15, 1999
For information, please call:
(248) 593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for IMC Mortgage Company
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 981212875
Ravens

-15-22-29-6-13

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made

Used cars to be sold for as low as \$99.00 and up.

Local Roscommon County dealership is having a massive used car Slasher Salesm Event this Saturday, April 17th. Rain or Shine!

Scott McNamara Ford Mercury in Roscommon, MI has announced it's plan to have a \$99 dollar used car Slasher Salesm event this Saturday, April 17th.

Dean Wagner, General Manager of Scott McNamara Ford Mercury says "The reason for this sale is we are deeply concerned at the direction of the used car market. Roughly two thirds of the 3.26 million consumers whose auto leases are up this year will turn their vehicles in, unleashing a flood of used vehicles onto the market. (*according to CNW Marketing/Research of Brandon, OR). And they are doing so at a time when used car prices are already heading south. Quite frankly, it has us scared!" Wagner said.

So we at Scott McNamara Ford Mercury have made a management decision to liquidate our used vehicles to the public by means of a \$99 used cars Slasher Salesm. During this one-day event, every used vehicle will be sold for thousand below its original price!

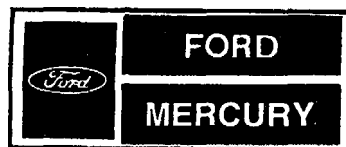
All cars will be on display at Scott McNamara Ford Mercury on the I-75 Business Loop, Roscommon. At 10:00 a.m. all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect the vehicles. The retail price will be posted on the windshield of each vehicle. When the sale begins at 11:00 a.m., whoever is sitting in the vehicle when the event begins, will have the first chance to purchase that vehicle at the slashed price. Prices will be slashed one time to the rock bottom price, including vehicles for only \$99 dollars. When the sale is completed for the day, Scott McNamara Ford Mercury will resume business as usual.

Wagner said that "customers can expect the slashed prices to be very close to public auction pricing without the auction fee." Due to the response of this event, Scott McNamara Ford Mercury has agreed to have all trades, lease returns and auction purchase available for the sale. The Slasher Salesm approach to selling used vehicles is revolutionizing the way used vehicles are being sold and allows everybody to get a great deal on a used car or truck.

Scott McNamara Ford Mercury will have buyers on hand to take your trade-ins, as well as special finance and credit analysts to get you pre-qualified before the sale. Wagner said, "Even if you've had a problem obtaining auto financing before, we will have some of the most liberal lenders in the area at this event. Just bring in a current payroll stub and a valid Michigan drivers license.

We have a multi-million dollar inventory available for this event. Our total inventory will be close to 300 new and used cars and trucks for this event."

Wagner further stated that he believes that this is the "absolute best opportunity for anyone seeking a used car or truck to get the best deal ever. Scott McNamara Ford Mercury has been a strong supporter of the community and the community has been a supporter of Scott McNamara Ford Mercury. This is our way of saying thanks." This event allows the dealer to reduce his inventory as well as the customer to get a car or truck without the hassle of negotiating over price. Any questions can be directed to 517-275-8922.



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

The Road Commission for Crawford County will be holding a Special Meeting April 20, 1999 @ 10 am at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-00648.

Purpose for the meeting is for labor negotiation and consultation with the Road Commission's Accountant.

Notice posted April 5, 1999.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 29, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following material:

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following locations on or before June 25, 1999:

10,000 ton @ Kolka Creek Gravel Pit: T28N, R4W, N1/2 of Section 15, Frederic Township.

20,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of Section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William Gannon, Commissioner

-8-15-22

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72), to receive and review public comment regarding the following requests:

Case 99-4C: Stewart & Kelly Gates, Petitioners
2218 Deer Track Trail
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-040-16-005-080-00
Location: 2218 Deer Track Trail off E. M-72
Section 16, T26N, R2W.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a nail salon as an in-home occupation in the (R-F) Recreational Forest Zone.

Case 99-5C: Charles & Deborah McLeod
6287 Old Lake Road
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-040-45-420-01-002-00
Location: 6287 Old Lake Road
Lot 2, Block 1 of Karen Woods Sub.
Section 13, T26N, R4W.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a one chair hair salon as an in-home occupation in the (R-2) Residential Zone.

Case files, zoning ordinance and maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township: P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or fax (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 26, 1999, at 7 pm in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #99-1: Key Trust of Ohio, Petitioner.
T26N, R3W, Sec. 11
1577 Richardson Road (Matabonic Lodge)
NRD Zone

A request to replace an existing one story building which is 104' at it's closest point to the river, a variance of 72' (includes 24' rise in bank).

Case #99-2: Ferdinand J. Korneli, Petitioner.
T26N, R2W, Section 5
1861 London Lane
NRD Zone.

A request to add the following to an existing residence which is 55' from the river: (1) 1200 sq. ft. second story (2) Demolish existing detached garage and replace with a 36' x 40' attached garage (3) 7' x 35' deck (4) 48' x 6' covered porch. No part of the proposed new construction to come closer to the river than existing.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: 517-348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

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Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 25, 1999
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgagee
ROBERT A. TREMAIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC.
Assignee of Mortgagee

-25-1-8-15-22

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has occurred in a mortgage made by MARK COSSARINI and MIMI COSSARINI, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, f/k/a First National Bank of

Michigan, dated May 19, 1998 and recorded on May 21, 1998, in Liber 454, Page 150, Crawford County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$15,105.28.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, April 28, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 14.95 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and is described in the mortgage as:

The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, excepting 33 feet off the West side for road purposes.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: March 15, 1999
Joseph B. Backus
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
(517) 337-1617

-25-1-8-15

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 29, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B. Supplies Pit
Corrugated Plastic Pipe
Corrugated Metal Pipe
Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt
Pavement Striping

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
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William Gannon, Commissioner

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FEATURES

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For The Week Of April 18-24

ARIES March 21-April 20

Watch that line between your professional and personal life. There are some things that should stay at home. You sure don't care for others bringing them into the workplace. Be very careful how you deal with a loved one this week.

TAURUS April 21-May 21

Planning a weekend get-together for friends? Just remember to watch the noise level. You don't want to have any problems with a particular neighbor. Financially, you are doing pretty good right now, but don't blow it with a big risk.

GEMINI May 22-June 21

It's time to become more culturally aware. Ask a friend for advice or to accompany you to some events. It could actually work out to be a boost to your career. If someone is a little short with you today, be patient and forgiving.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Don't believe rumors that start circulating about a new coworker. Something has been misinterpreted, so don't pass it on to others. Be wary about someone who asks you for a favor. You don't want him/her to start taking advantage of you.

LEO July 23-August 23

This would not be a good week to jump into new investments. Give it awhile before you take the plunge. It's also not the time to jump into a new romance. What looks like a great idea may not be good at all. Investigate it before you decide.

VIRGO August 24-September 22

Don't let a message destroy your self-image. It could be that you are taking the information the wrong way. Give a new coworker a chance. He/she could really use an ally in the workplace. Consider taking them to lunch or dinner soon.

LIBRA September 23-October 23

A friend's family problems will help you realize that you don't have it so bad. It might be a good idea to lighten up on a partner or a close relative. Getting away this weekend will be out of the question. You have too much to do--don't let it go.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22

Business travel may be in the cards for you this week. You can count on it being successful, which means you will also have some time to enjoy yourself. Try something new and different, like a dish at the new restaurant in town.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21

You'll find your friends and coworkers very helpful this week. Even though there is a mix-up at work, someone will come through for you, and everything should turn out all right. Make sure you repay a long-overdue favor.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20

The constructive use of your talents is vital to making the week go better. Don't flaunt something you have because that action could come back to haunt you, and it's not the kind of attitude that will get you ahead of the rest of the pack.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18

Look to a close relative for some help with a major problem. He/she will help make you feel better about the problem and yourself. Love may be in the air, but you'll want to stay away from it. It's not a good time to get involved in a relationship.

PISCES February 19-March 20

Your week may start out bad, but by Thursday, things will turn around. Don't blame someone for a problem that crops up. It's not his/her fault. If anyone should take the blame, it's you. You have to start taking responsibility for what you do.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Easy Greek Pizza

(4 servings)

1/2 cup + 2 tablespoons
original toasted wheat
germ

3 cups packed raw
spinach leaves, large
stems removed

1 1/2 cups low-fat baking
mix

3/4 cup fat-free milk

1 cup chopped seeded
tomatoes

3/4 cup red onion rings
(about 1/2 medium onion)

1/4 cup sliced pitted ripe
olives

4 ounces feta cheese,
crumbled

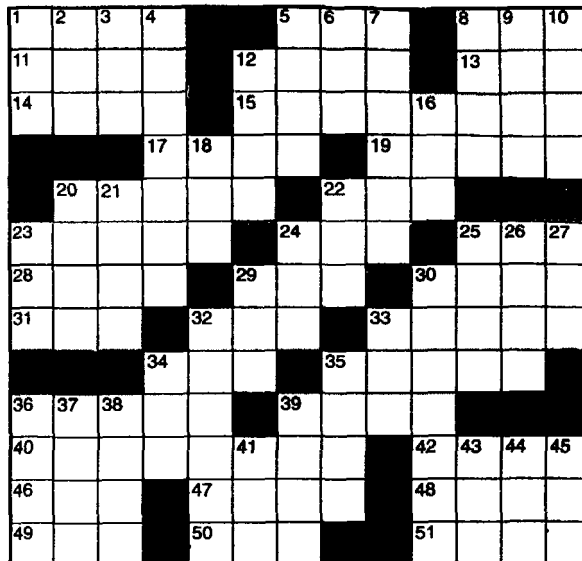
1 teaspoon dried oregano
leaves.

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Lightly spray cookie sheet with cooking spray; sprinkle with 2 tablespoons wheat germ. Rinse spinach well; transfer wet spinach to medium skillet. Cover and cook over medium-low heat just until wilted, about 3 minutes. Drain spinach well. Combine baking mix and remaining wheat germ. Add milk; stir with fork until thoroughly combined. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 8 to 10 times. Roll into 14-inch circle; transfer to cookie sheet. Top with spinach, tomatoes, onion, olives and cheese; sprinkle with oregano. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Serve immediately.



HOME NEEDED - Duke is a 4 year old male. He is housebroken, very friendly, needs kids and a fenced yard. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Hound's hanger-on
5. Oriental sash
8. Vehicle in *X-Files*: *Fight The Future*
11. Shriek
12. "Faster ____ a speeding bullet..."
13. Dainty drink
14. "Or ____ at long last love?" (2 wds.)
15. Balm
17. Therefore: Lat.
19. General helpers
20. Sam's barmaid
22. Nipper's co.
23. Movie shots
24. Large tank
25. Paw Clamptt
28. Surprise attack
29. Actor Neill
30. Immaterial
31. Massachusetts cape
32. "Top ____"
33. Christie of "Darling"
34. New York's Tappan ____ Bridge
35. Isolated hill
36. Cap bill
39. Utah's state flower
40. Footstools
42. LeBlanc or Dillon
46. "Ode ____ Nightingale" (2 wds.)
47. Minor Prophet
48. Amaryllis plant
49. Chang's closest relative
50. Arrest
51. Submissive

DOWN

1. Know-it-all's memo inits.
2. *Adieux* (Beethoven)
3. George Bush, e.g.
4. Modified
5. The Buckeye State
6. Interdiction
7. Unbroken
8. Exploited
9. A-OK
10. Makes a choice
12. *Animal House* costume
16. One of Frank's exes
18. Literary monogram
20. *The Godfather* actor
21. Of the same stock
22. Butt
23. ____-la-la
24. Mayflower vehicle
25. Cast aside
26. Southernmost Great Lake
27. Anil, e.g.
29. Dion's "Runaround" girl
30. Self-service restaurant
32. ____ measles
33. Moonshiner's container
34. Place for a gnu
35. Elizabeth I's nickname
36. Go to the polls
37. "Blame ____ The Bossa Nova" (2 wds.)
38. Doe's mate
39. One with a select guest list
41. Sawbones' org.
43. Pie ____ mode
44. Author Wolfe
45. Item in Tiger Woods' pocket

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 15, 1976

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Wednesday, April 7 for the new addition to the Frederic Elementary School. The new addition of six classrooms, media center, music, art, dining area and gymnasium will replace an older existing structure. In attendance at the ceremony were Crawford AuSable School District Board Members James Kolka, James Duley, Robert Smock and Board President William Joseph. Also attending were representatives from the Concerned Citizens of Frederic Elementary Wendell and Anglaur Hoover, Helen Olson, Annabelle Armstrong, and Rose Ann Owens. Administrators participating were Fraser Dean Superintendent, and John Skoglund Frederic Elementary Principal.

Barney Dopp, a member of the Grayling Country Club, made a hole-in-one on March 30 in Florida. Barney aced the 135 yard, 12th hole at the Quail Ridge Golf and Tennis Club in Del Ray Beach, using his eight iron.

Evart Jones, an 18-year employee of the Crawford Country Road Commission retired on Friday, April 9, which also happened to be his birthday. He was feted by his coworkers on Friday and on Saturday many friends and relatives came to a celebration. The cake on Saturday was decorated with a fisherman and fish, symbolizing what he intends to do in his leisure hours.

For their 1977 Catalog Bear Archery listed product specifications in both U.S. and metric measurements. Converting the figures to metric was done as a class project by Mrs. Wilcox's Frederic sixth grade class. The students are: Margine Lozon, Lis Sajdak, Gary Cox, Jamey Radebaugh, Robin Pratt, Jack Crampton, Kevin

Newberry, Brent Gabriel, Sue Love, Trina Jones, Cheryl Campeau, Peter Huisman, Star Rogers, Chip Durga, Darryl Babbitt, Tom Kequom, John Roed, Jeff Webb, Doug Geoit, David Case, Murvin Nelson, Londa Perkins, Keith Thompson.

Marine Private James L. Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion D. Sanderson of Grayling was graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Three Roscommon area students were recognized at the University of Michigan's Honors Convocation: Laura Ann DeWitt, Mary Kathryn Such and Earl C. Townsend.

Grayling High School will present *No No Nanette* in early May. Chosen for the cast are: Maureen Hoffman, Scott Montague, Tammy Lindsay, Jim Whaley, Julie Isenhauer, Dorothy Weiman, Jim Gardiner, Michelle Lee, Vanessa LaMotte, and Lisa Montague.

46 Years Ago April 16, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nugent and family of Frederic and Mrs. Walter LaMotte Jr. and children of Grayling spent the weekend visiting relatives in Saginaw. While there it was possible to take a five generation picture of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper spent the weekend in Detroit and their daughter Miss Holly, took the train for Lake Forest, Illinois, Sunday to return to Ferry Hall School for Girls after enjoying Easter vacation at home.

Mrs. Else Rasmussen spent the East Sunday weekend in Detroit visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sorenson have returned to Grayling from Lansing after spending the winter months.

The Dr. B. E. Henigs are driving a

new Pontiac station wagon purchased from Parsons and Lamm.

69 Years Ago April 17, 1930

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport and daughter, Jane, are in Detroit. They are attending the opening game of the American League, Detroit and St. Louis playing.

Late last Saturday afternoon the Fire Department was called to the home of Henry Jordan on Spruce St., to extinguish a blaze started by a grass fire.

Miss Margrethe Bauman was hostess at Shoppenagons Inn Sunday to her bridge club at a lovely luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson and daughter Leone, and Mrs. Carl Nielsen and children visited in Standish and Bay City Sunday.

Francis Brady who is a student at U. of D. is enjoying a weeks vacation with his parents here.

Melvin Marshall and Clement Blaine are driving new Ford Tudors.

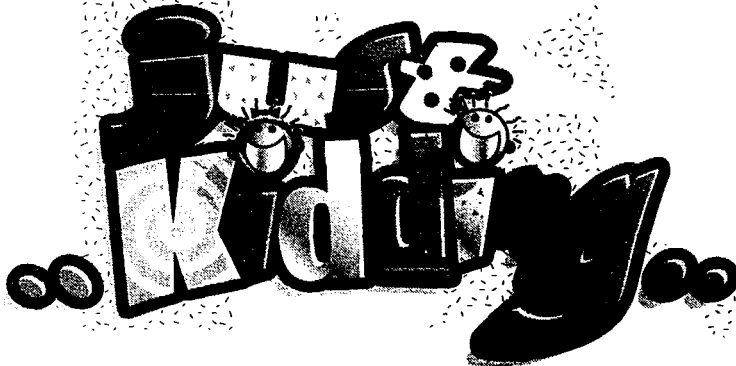
92 Years Ago April 18, 1907

M. Brenner of Lewiston is opening an establishment over Kraus and Sons Store for cleaning, dyeing and repairing men's clothes.

N. P. Buck is pulling the earth from under his building at the corner of Michigan and Cedar Streets. He will move the building to the street line on the east and put up another store on the west with a full basement under both.

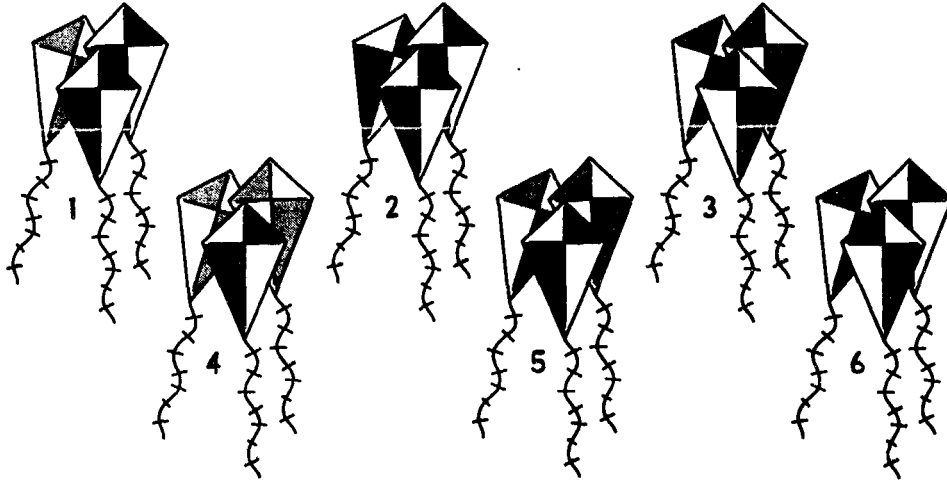
Mrs. A.P. W. Becker is spending a few days in Johannesburg visiting her son and family.

Mr. Leon Babbitt and sister recently spent a day in Johannesburg visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stevens.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: FOUR AND FIVE



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Rain	Snow/Ground
4/7	51	32	0.53"	
4/8	62	33	0.19"	
4/9	61	37		
4/10	49	22		
4/11	54	22	0.02"	
4/12	35	24	0.40"	5"/4"
4/13	49	26		10"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday - chance of rain with a high of 45-50. Friday - chance of rain or snow, low in the low to mid 30's, high in the 40's. Saturday - chance of rain or snow, low in the low to mid 30's, high in the 40's.

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2. For Rent

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CLEAN ONE BEDROOM duplex, close to town, utilities included. \$335 a month plus security deposit. References required, no pets. (517) 348-8386. (-15-22/2)

2. For Rent

TWO COMMERCIAL SPACES for lease. North Business Loop, 1,100 square feet main floor, 650 square feet basement. For information (517) 348-8922. (4/8/99tf/2)

FURNISHED non-smoking two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. two year old 90% efficient gas (propane) furnace. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$350 month plus security. (734) 459-6641. (-8-15-22/2)

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2. For Rent

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10 WOODED ACRES, 175' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from waters edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room and dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patio doors. Price Reduced \$139,500 CS-872



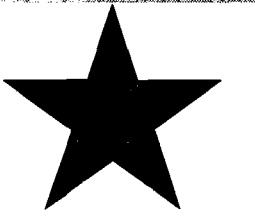
EXCEPTIONAL BUY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS of Grayling. Large 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story home, conveniently located close to shopping and schools. Features are beamed knotty pine T & G ceilings, custom wood valances, fenced in back yard, 2 covered porches 7x14 and 4x12. Property to be sold "As Is" where is without representation or warranty express or implied. \$29,900 CH-908



16' AUSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE. Spectacular view. Completely remodeled home has new carpet, new deck, new roof, 3 years old, screened porch overlooking the river, hot tub, washer and dryer negotiable. Air conditioner. 2 car garage with workshop. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on 2 1/2 acres on a private wooded setting. \$93,000 CS-884



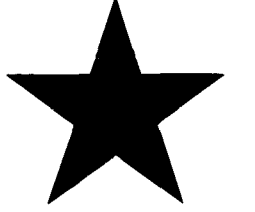
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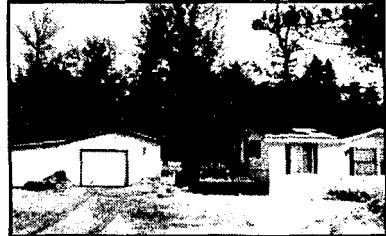
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3557 M-72 EAST. This home or cottage has 2.25 acres, 1,160 sq. ft. includes family room, vaulted ceilings, over sized kitchen, many built-ins, bow windows, garage, wood-shed, deck, master bed room suite with jacuzzi tub. Near Wakeley Lake recreation area. \$45,000 CH-904



LOCATION SAYS EVERYTHING! 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,360 sq. ft., recently remodeled with new berber carpet in family room. Family room offers a beautiful brick fireplace & walk out patio doors onto a cement patio to expand leisure activities to the out of doors. Oak parquet floors in living room & hallway. Mud room between entry & attached garage. Exterior of home recently painted. New well pump. Fully fenced back yard. Partial basement. Appliances include stove & refrigerator. \$52,500 CS-949



LOCATED AT 137 MIKADO STREET, 2/3 bedroom home, aluminum siding, large cyclone fenced yard, 20x24 detached garage, natural gas heat, immediate occupancy. Only \$22,900 CH-901

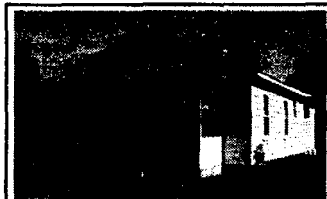


LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 300' AWAY! Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home offering 2,012 sq. ft. with walkout basement. 2 car attached garage & detached boat house/garage. Split rail fence, brick fireplace, fruit cellar and secluded setting. \$99,500 CS-950

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OLDER HOME in city of Grayling. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious kitchen, dining room, covered porch & garage \$32,000 (BSO-1253)



5 ACRES of beautiful hardwoods adjoining state land with close access to the Ausable River. Modern chalet with wrap around deck. Includes appliances and some furnishings. \$63,900 (LM-1251)



CLOSE ACCESS TO LAKE MARGRETHE. 3 bedroom home with 1 1/2 baths & a 24x30 garage located on a large wooded lot. Seller assisted financing or rent-purchase option to qualified buyer. \$68,300 (LM-1223)



SCOTT ST is the location of this 3 bedroom home. Located on a double lot, cyclone fence. Just out of city limits. Reduced to \$39,900 (DL-1036)



TWO-BEDROOM MOBILE with 9x26 addition with woodburner, 1 1/2 acres, close to state land and snowmobile trails. \$28,000 (SG-1112)



AFFORDABLE HOUSING 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, enclosed porch, fireplace, fenced-in yard, two-car garage. 14x14 heated guest house. Located on over one acre, with state land across the road. \$44,800 (KJL-1041)



FAMILY HOME on 8.27 acres secluded yet close to town. 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, custom oak kitchen with separate dining room. Partial basement, beautiful lawn with sprinkler system. 24x28 garage. Lots of wildlife. \$155,000 (LM-1145)



DEEDED ACCESS TO BEAR LAKE. This beautiful salix home is located on a private setting. Features include full basement out of the 10 block crawl. Ideal full-time home or retreat. Enjoy the lake without paying the lakefront taxes. \$76,000 (LI-1022)



501 ELM ST. City of Grayling, 2 bedroom home with 1 1/2 baths & a 24x30 car garage on a corner lot. Rental income or live in it. Reduced \$34,900 (DL-1034)



NORTH DOWN RIVER ROAD is the location of your future cabin or hunting, fishing and snowmobiling retreat. 2 bedroom cabin with 24x28 year garage, outside pump and bath with path. \$31,900 (DL-1216)

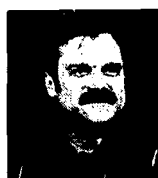


FAMILY HOME located near town on a nice wooded lot. This home offers 4 bedroom, 2 baths, full basement, fully finished. 2 car attached garage. Includes stove, refrigerator and 2 fireplaces. \$89,000 Reduced to \$79,000 (DM-64)

SALES TEAM



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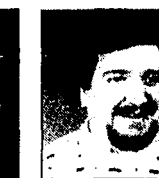
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2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent. Inquire Timberly Village Mobile Park, Old 27 North, Grayling. (4/15/99tf/2)

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2. For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT Available May 1, 1999, two bedroom. All appliances, laundry room in basement. \$375 month plus utilities. \$300 security deposit. no pets. (517) 348-5911 (-15-22/2)

GRAYLING PINE APARTMENTS have an opening for barrier-free one and two bedroom units. Rent based on income, rental assistance available. For more information call (517) 344-0020 or stop by for an application.

Equal Housing Opportunity
TDD (800) 649-3777 (-8-15/2)

2. For Rent

CLEAN ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX Nice neighbors. \$320 plus utilities, deposit, rental and employment refer. 310B Rolla. (517) 348-2178 (3/25/99tf/2)

(TWO) - THREE BEDROOM RANCHES Seven-nine years old, like new, garages. Nonsmokers, one year lease. \$595/\$610 plus utilities, deposit, rental and employment references. 142 Wilcox, 5106 Little John. (517) 348-2178 (4/1/99tf/2)

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM HOUSE in country. Eight miles south of Grayling. References and deposit required. \$425 per month. (517) 275-4126 (-15-22-29-6/2)

SMALL EFFICIENCY UNIT for single working person. furnished, includes utilities and cable. \$300 month plus deposit. Call (517) 348-5433. (2/11/99tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX near Lake Margrethe, with carport. Refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer and natural gas heat. \$475 plus utilities and security. Very low heat bills. Cable ready. (517) 348-5230 (-15-22/2)

2. For Rent

CLEAN TWO BEDROOM lower flat for single working person. Is completely furnished with TV, Lake Margrethe access and a garage. No pets. \$400 plus utilities and deposit. Rental and employment references. (517) 348-9026 immediately available or (313) 886-2089. (-8-15/2)

FOR RENT GETAWAY RETREAT Two bedroom Ausable River home, sleeps six. Week or weekend only. 348-7868. leave message. (6/25/98tf/2)

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS Located at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger streets in Roscommon, has one and two bedroom units, available for immediate occupancy to qualified applicants. Rent based on income with limited rent subsidy. Applications at office on site or call (517) 275-4061 or (800) 225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22-29/2)

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2. For Rent

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COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT available Nov. 1st. High visibility, off street parking suitable for office or retail. Leave message at (517) 348-7868. (10/15/98tf/2)

3. Employment

SECRETARIAL Law firm is seeking personable individual to fill secretarial position. Individual must be career oriented with good telephone, computer and office skills. Legal experience not necessary. Send resume and cover letter to: P.O. Box 215, Grayling, MI 49738. (-15-22/3)

DRIVER/WAREHOUSE POSITION Looking for a career minded person to work in fast paced warehouse, production plant and have ability to drive local pedal route. Requirements are a positive attitude, physically fit, and a Class A CDL license. Some heavy lifting will be required. Send resume to: Warehouse/Driver, P.O. Box 571, Grayling, MI 49738. Respond by 4/16/99. (-4-15/3)

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3. Employment

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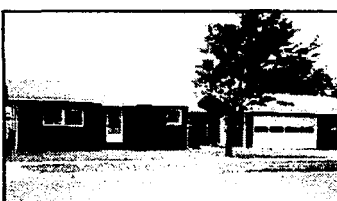
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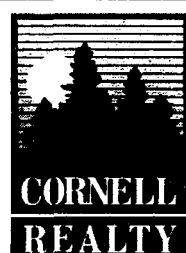
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Trash Collection:
Effective Wednesday, April 21st
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Effective Thursday, April 22nd

Further details will be distributed via door hangers. There will not be trash collection Monday, April 19th

5. For Sale

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5. For Sale

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98t/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED Anything that had to do with Bear Archery while they were still here in Grayling. Bows, arrows, quivers, pictures, etc. Please call Pete Kocelas at (517) 348-8627. (4/15/99t/6)

7. Miscellaneous

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FREE REFRIGERATOR Inquire at Showtime Collision, 1/2 mile west of the Manistee River on M-72 West. (517) 348-8090 (-1-8-15/7)

8. Announcements

PIE AUCTION On May 2, 1999 the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Youth Group will hold a Pie Auction from 4-6. Entertainment by the youth. Pie donations are appreciated. PS: The "Jagg" will take a pie in the face when we've earned \$1,000. (-15-22-29/8)

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8. Announcements

HILLTOP PLANNING CELEBRATION National Nursing Home Week is May 9-15 and Hilltop will be kicking it off on May 8, 1999. We have bake sale, garage sale, and craft show tables available for \$10 per table or two for \$15 for anyone interested in being part of our celebration. Please contact Sandy Altman or Cindy Herrick at (517) 275-8936 by May 1 if you are interested in having a table. We are also planning an Afghan show, an emergency vehicle show, an ice cream social, a cake walk, and a food sale, with proceeds going to Resident Council. We are also hoping to have a carnival again this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on May 8. (-15/8)

SIX WEEK DOG TRAINING class held in Grayling, Thursday, 6 p.m. Call trainer Rick Wells (616) 929-3431. (-15-22/8)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

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STAKE OUT STEAK HOUSE coming to Grayling in May. Located at 1081 S. I-75 Bus. Loop. The former Bear's Country Inn building. (-15/8)

9. Personals

THE FAMILY OF JR Palmer would like to invite his friends and neighbors to help celebrate his 75th birthday on April 18, 1 p.m., 907 Ogema, shhhh (-8-15/9)



LOOK WHO'S 40!

Can't hide from us! If you know her, call and say Happy Birthday. Background might be a clue, someplace on West County Road-612.

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE 206 Lawndale, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9-5. 22 ft. travel trailer, kids books and toys, miscellaneous items, priced to sell. (-15/10)

WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY 1009 North Down River Rd., (Old Walk In Clinic) Everything 1/2 off 14th-17th. All proceeds going to daycare equipment. (-15/10)

OPEN YORTY'S ANTIQUES Higgins Lake, by 1st Bank, Co. Rd. 200. Fridays and Saturdays, 12-5. Buying anything old. Call (517) 821-9242. (-8-15/10)

St. Francis Thrift Shop
6445 West M-72, Grayling
(517) 348-2572

Check out the new arrivals of Spring and Summer clothing.

HOURS
Tuesday thru Friday
10am to 4pm
Saturday 10am to 2pm

11. Automotive

'92 T-BIRD V-6, auto, power seal windows, A/C, AM/FM, tape deck, very good condition. \$2,995 (517) 275-4126 (-15-22-29-6/11)

'87 HONDA 250R \$2,400 Call after 5:30 p.m. M-F, (517) 879-4269. (2/18/99t/11)

1989 GMC 3/4 ton extended cab 2wd \$5,400. (517) 348-5957 8-4:30/(517) 348-7794 after 5. (-15/11)

1971 KARMAN GHIA project car will sell for \$600 or best offer. Call at (517) 348-3168 or e-mail at raas@freeway.net. (-15/11)

1971 MERCEDES BENZ 250 CE Very rare car for the U.S. Has an electronic multi ported fuel injected motor. Four speed automatic transmission, power brakes and steering, Pioneer AM/FM cassette. Electric moon roof. Under 60,000 miles. Rear has new shocks, body in good shape. Asking \$4,600 or best offer. Call at (517) 348-3168 or e-mail at raas@freeway.net. (-15/11)

THE CAR LOT is always open in the Avalanche classifieds. (517) 348-6811

1992 SUBURU LEGACY Power locks, windows, brakes and steering. Five-speed transmission, air conditioning. AM/FM cassette. 111,000 miles. \$4,400 (517) 348-4304 (4/1/99t/11)

'94 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN V-8, 350, PS, PB, PL, PW, excellent condition, low miles, call anytime (517) 348-6925. (-15/11)

NEED RUBBER STAMPS? Call or stop in at the Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. (517) 348-6811.

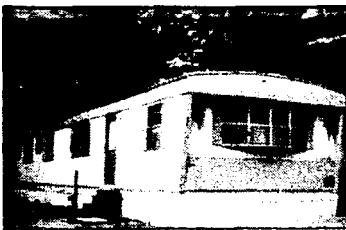
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FOR SALE '97 Toyota Camry LE, Loaded, sunroof, four cylinder, four door, 26,000 miles, air, electric, doors, locks, windows. Like new condition! \$16,000 Call (517) 348-7893. (2/11/99t/11)

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River Country Real Estate

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www.century21grayling.com



What a view! This mobile located near Blue Lake, state land, snow-mobile and RV trails has it all to offer for that weekend getaway. This mobile has new well, septic and is priced to sell. #4217 \$29,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



Conveniently located downtown, ample parking on street, front and back. Could be used as 2 offices or as its current status of 1 larger office. Great traffic flow. Adjoining building - Riverland Photo. Call for an appointment. #4259 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



"New Listing" Excellent location with club house and pool privileges. #4385 \$52,000 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



Nice 2 bedroom starter home located in the City of Grayling. Featuring new fixtures and new carpet in the living room, kitchen and bedroom. Nice backyard, covered front porch, new screen door & attached workshop. #4097 \$26,900 Ask for Debbie Boudar!



Very clean, 3 bedroom mobile home has 1 and 1/2 baths, new carpet and plenty of extras like cable TV in three rooms plus antenna, 1 phone jack, electric, water, door opener. Large private back yard with nice garden area. Extra storage space in garage ceiling. Home is very energy efficient with extra insulation, the gas bill runs \$488.00 FOR THE YEAR! The YEARLY electric is \$396.00. #4330 Reduced \$39,500 Ask for Connie Winans!



Very well maintained 4-5 bedroom home has a fantastic location in the city of Grayling. Large spacious rooms throughout. Current use is duplex rental, however only minimal labor to convert back into single family dwelling. #4187 \$89,500 Ask for Connie Winans!

2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop
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Open April 17th

SPECIAL-DIG YOUR OWN SALE

On all spruce any size up to 8' tall. \$10 each. Also, many birch trees at only \$6 each. We have burlap at cost.

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Saturday, April 24th

4:30 to 7 pm

At Gray-Rock Cafe of Grayling

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An annual Grayling Youth Boosters event, supporting the Booster Club's effort to help youth, and in turn, help Crawford County.

Tickets are available from any board member or at the door.



11. Automotive

SCHEER MOTORS BUDGET LOT

All Vehicles Priced UNDER \$5,000!

1993 Chevrolet Cavalier 2 Dr. - sharp, older car	\$2,988
1993 Chevrolet Astro - very affordable	\$4,988
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1991 Oldsmobile Regency 4 Dr. - sharp, straight old car	\$4,988
1988 Cadillac 4 Dr. Brougham - only 79,000 miles	\$4,988
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